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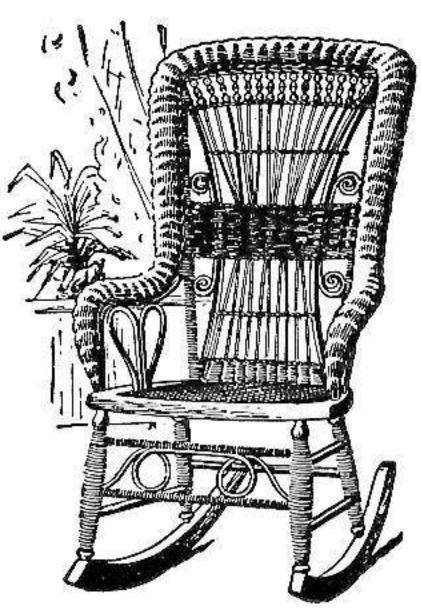
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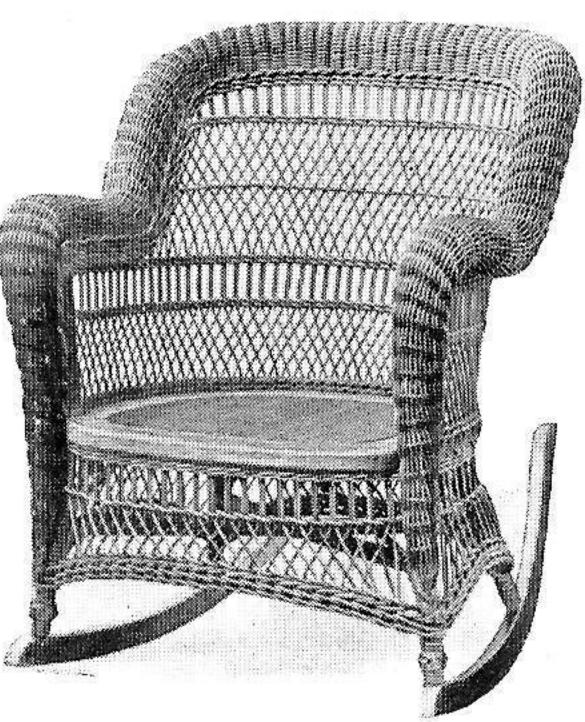
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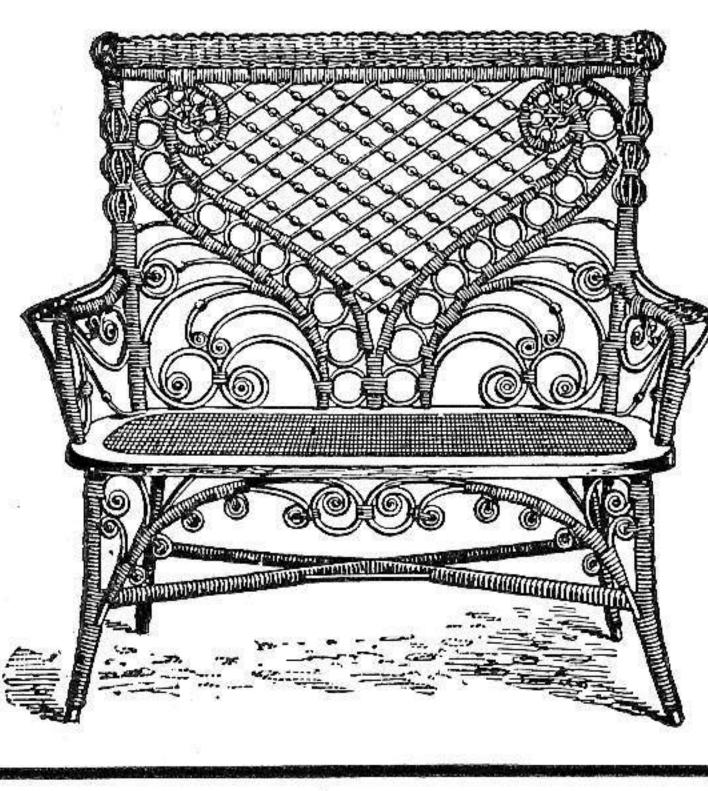
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The (cane) seat is 34 in. long and 20 in. deep; height from floor to top of back, 38 in.

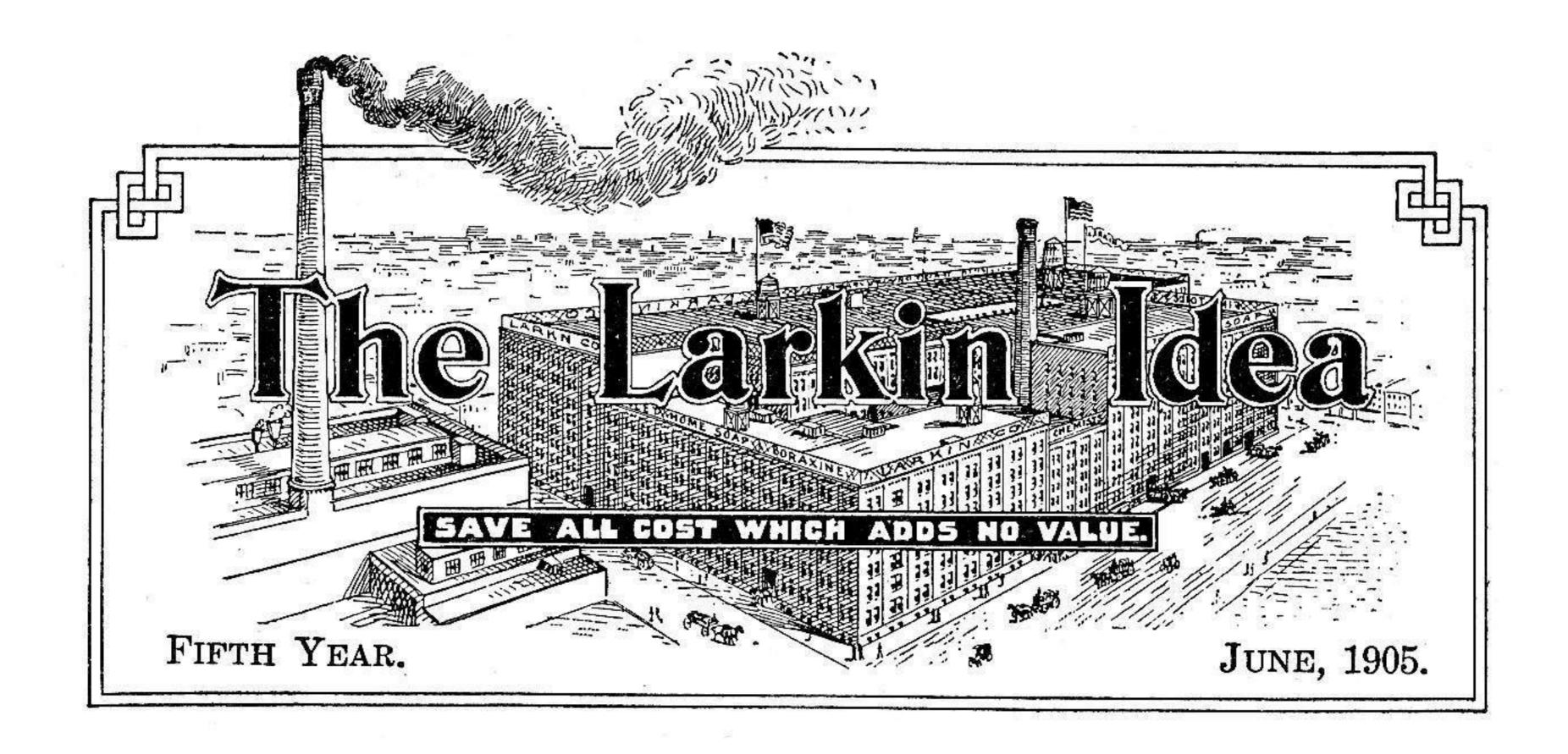


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The Romance of the Larkin Hammock Swing.

BY AUNTIE NELL.

A gleam of blue 'neath a shower of gold, A fluff of soft fabric in many a fold; As full of beauty as a hammock can hold Is the Larkin Hammock Swing.

She sees over there the river's brink
With waters a-sparkle, and now, I think,
She hears the song of a bobolink—
What a rollicking song to sing.

The meadow lilies sway to and fro Above the sparkling waters below, And Katharine sways, with a motion slow, In the Larkin Hammock Swing.

She hears the drowsy humming of bees, The flickering light thro' the branches sees; Her book slips down from her hand to her knees, She's asleep in the Hammock Swing.

And who is this with the jaunty air? Young Robert, so gay and debonair, His eyes intent on the picture there That he sees in the hammock asleep.

There is not in the world, on foot or on wing, He is ready to swear, so sweet a thing, As Katharine asleep in the Hammock Swing: So he nearer ventures to creep.

'Tis the fairy prince and the slumbering maid, And the same old sequel, I'm afraid—Ah!—his hand on the golden fleece is laid Of the girl in the Hammock Swing.

He gently pulls, and she springs upright, With her hair in her eyes in sorry plight,—Too late to arrest his precipitate flight From the Larkin Hammock Swing.

How Many? How Long?

(Every few days a car-load of Larkin Parlor Matches arrives at the Larkin Order-Packing Department.)

"How many Larkin Parlor Matches are there in a car-load?" a statistical friend inquires.

"Oh, that's easy! Let's see. Three boxes in a 15c. package; $266\frac{2}{3}$ gross of such packages in



a car; 432 boxes in a gross of pack-ages. That makes 115,-200 boxes. Now, there

are nearly 500 matches in a box, in every box, mind you, so we'll just divide by two and call it thousands and there you are. The answer is, 57,600,000 matches. Now ask me something hard."

"Well, if you struck each match separately and held it until it burned your fingers, how long would the car-load last?"

"Oh, so easy! Have you a match? No, no; I mean a Larkin Match. That'd go out, chances are. Well, here's one. I always carry them. Got your watch? Ready? Now catch it when I strike. There, a full half minute, and my fingers weren't even warm."

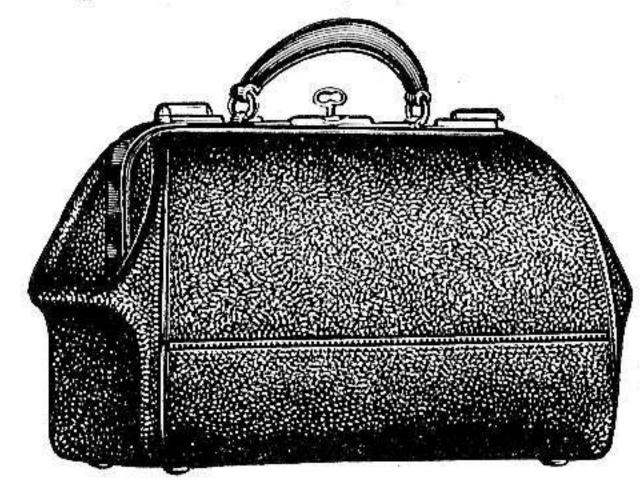
"Now for the figures: 57,600,000 matches; a half minute each; 28,800,000 minutes; sixty minutes in an hour; 480,000 hours. I'll work nine hours a day, same as the Larkin Factories, and counting out Sundays and holidays, 300 days a year; 2,700 hours all told. Now divide. It looks like 177 years to me. Won't undertake the job. I hardly have the time."

"Well, never mind; you wouldn't have to burn them all yourself. There are more people than you using Larkin Matches, I guess. Good morning."

"Good morning."

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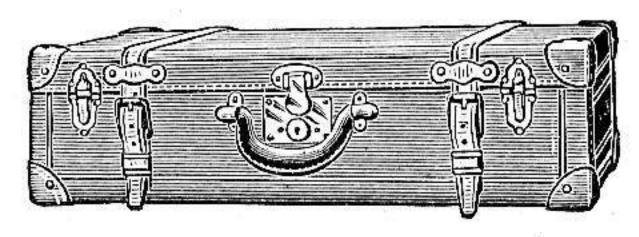
If you are going away for a few days this summer, an up-to-date traveling equipment will add greatly to the pleasure of your trip.



Our serviceable Traveling Bag No. 5 may be had in either Black or Russet seal-grain Cowhide; stitched not riveted to a superior, leather-covered English frame; it has improved, gold-plated countersunk lock and sliding clasps; leather lining and inside pocket. Length, 16 inches; width, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth, 10 inches.

You can obtain it, free, with \$10.00 worth of Larkin Products.

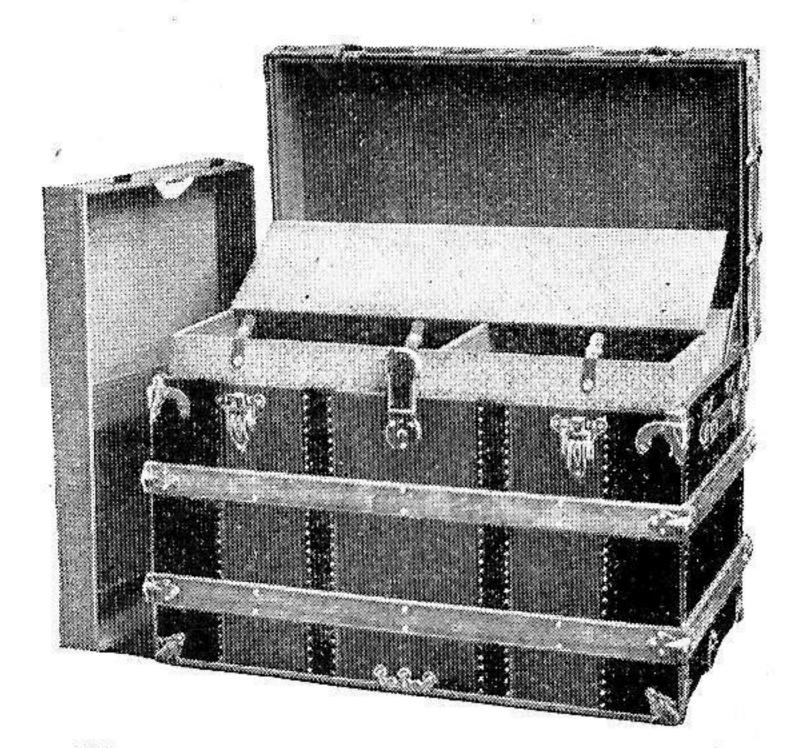
Women as well as men find a suitcase of great service. Dresses can be carried in it without being disarranged. Our Suit-case No. 25 is of



unusual quality. Made of heavy Russet Sole-leather on two steel frames. Has spring-lock and catches of polished brass; imported Holland linen lining; leather-bound shirt-fold in cover, and small leather-bound pocket in each end. It is carefully made in every detail. Length, 24 inches.

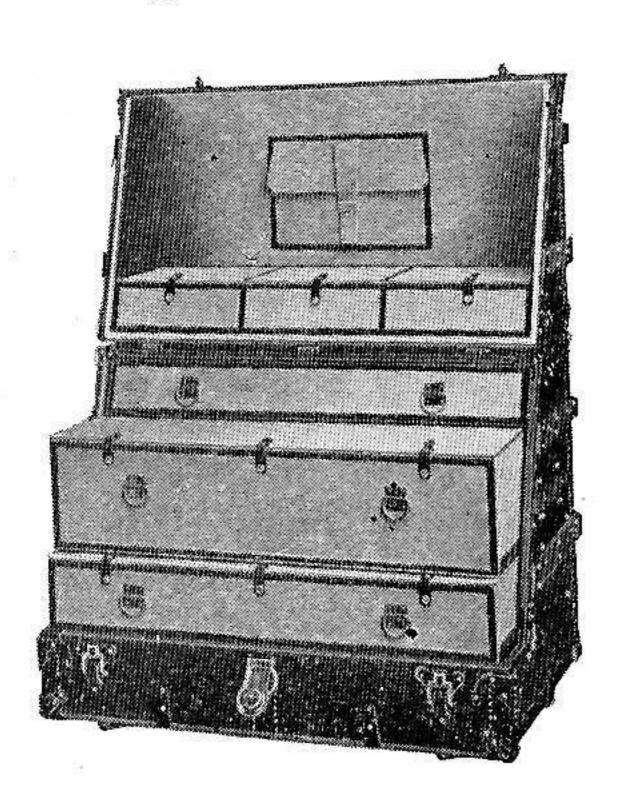
Free with \$10.00 worth of Larkin Products.

Traveling Trunk No. 35 embodies every essential of a good trunk. Its extra strength well adapts it to hard usage; is covered with Duck, bound with fifteen Hardwood slats and four wide Steel bands; the brass-plated pressed-steel trimmings are extra heavy and riveted. Full cloth-lined. Has covered top tray, 7 inches deep; dress tray, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep.



Given free with \$10.00 worth of Larkin Products.

Dresser Trunk No. 910 offers the advantages of both trunk and bureau. The covers of the two large sliding trays make it possible to pack them compactly without liability of disarranging contents in use. One small sliding drawer and one covered



compartment above are each divided by two partitions. Webbing straps hold contents of bottom space securely. This Trunk is full clothlined; covered with heavy painted Canvas outside; protected by metal-bound Hardwood slats, steel knees, elbows and corners. Size, 34x21x25 in.

Free with \$20.00 worth of Larkin Products.

Things Needful.

We may live without money; We may live without hopé; But not without Larkin, His Premiums and Soap.

The Tea Habit.

According to an old newspaper, the tea habit is much more universal

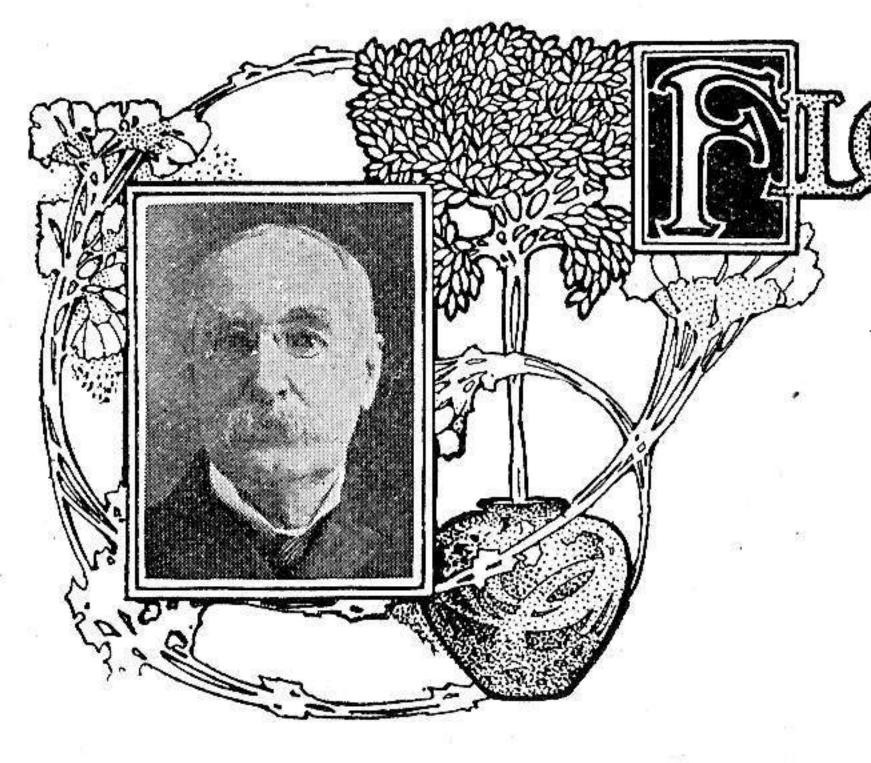
than is commonly supposed, as the following schedule will prove:

People of all classes take tea. Dead people take eterniT; gay people, festiviT; nice girls, amiabiliT; free people, liberT; fashionable folks, socieT;



good people, pieT; successful candidates, majoriT; editors, honesT; solemn citizens, graviT; funny writers, leviT; orthodox citizens, saniT; polite people, suaviT: bashful fellows, modesT; kind ones, chariT; bachelors, singulariT; short people, breviT; cunning folk, rascaliT; romantic simpletons, novelT; respectable people, ChristianiT; artistic people, beauT; strong people, responsibiliT; criminals, penalT; vicious persons, enmiT; grocers, varieT—but the T-pot cracked at this juncture.

Among the fragments were found: Wedded couples, feliciT; Mormons, multipliciT; Quakers, tranquiliT; the asylums, insaniT; the almshouses, poverT; pretty girls, incomprehensibiliT; lovers, uniT; everybody, longeviT; the one who is not fond of Larkin Tea, T-total depraviT.



DUT your Callas out-of-doors this month for a long resting-spell. Turn the pot down on its side, under a tree, and let it lie there until September. Give the plant in it no attention whatever. Of course the old leaves will die off, but the root will not be injured. When you come to repot the plant in the fall, you will find the root plump and sound. This treatment may seem to be a strange one, but not when you come to think that the Calla is a native of the region of the Nile, where there is a freshet half the year and a drouth the other half. In drying off the plant, we are only imitating the natural conditions of its habitat. A plant, summered in this way, will come on after repotting as the plant kept growing all summer never does. You will be astonished at its vigorous growth, and you will be ten times as likely to get large, fine flowers from it as from the plant that has not been allowed to rest and regain the vitality lost through the winter season.

If you have beds of Coleus or Alternanthera, it will be necessary to clip them regularly in order to secure the trim, velvety appearance that makes these plants so attractive in bedding. Shear them to an even height, at least twice a week.

Asters have of late years been seriously injured by a black insect,

BY EBEN E. REXFORD

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which resembles the aphis in all respects save color. He attacks leaf and stalk, and soon kills the plants. Sulpho-Tobacco Soap will rout him, if used promptly. Apply it as soon as you find the first insect.

This is the month of Roses; but we have to fight for them. Worms and aphides will soon destroy the buds and reduce the foliage to tatters, if not checked promptly. Here Sulpho-Tobacco Soap does most effective work. It is well to act on the offensive and apply it before any enemies are found. Begin its use early in the season, and thus prevent them from taking possession of the bushes.

Are you going to have windowboxes this summer? Then it is high time that you had them under way. Any box that will hold soil is just as good as the most expensive box of tile. Fill it with good, rich earth, and fasten it to the window-sill. Be sure to support and brace it well from below, as it will be heavy when filled; you do not want to run the risk of its taking a tumble after you have it in place, and the plants in it well started. There is complaint, every season, about failure with window-box gardens, but there would be little cause for it if plenty of water were used. The box is exposed to the air and wind on all sides, and evaporation takes place very rapidly. Apply a basin of water at morning, and the soil will be dry by noon. What is needed is a pailful, at least, every day. Put on enough to wet every particle of soil in the box. Keep it wet, and you can grow just as fine plants in boxes as you can in pots.

Here is a list of desirable flowering plants for box-culture:

Petunia, Geranium, Heliotrope, Salvia, Sweet Alyssum, Fuchsia, Nicotiana, Verbena, and Lobelia.

For vines try any of the following: Tradescantia, Moneywort, Senecio, Lysimachia, Glechoma, and Othonna.

If you want brightly colored foliage, and do not care to depend on flowers, use these:

Coleus, Vinca Harrisonii, Golden Feather Pyrethrum, and variegatedleaved Geraniums.

For boxes at north windows, Boston Ferns, English Ivy, Palms, Aspidistras, and plants of that class can be made charmingly effective.

This is a good month in which to buy Palms for next winter's use. They are no longer subject to the close, moist atmosphere of the greenhouse; therefore, in better condition to adapt themselves to the living-room. If you wait until fall, and buy a Palm after it has been kept for a short time in a warm greenhouse, it will almost always suffer severely by the change in conditions that must take place when you remove it to the dry, heated air of the dwelling. Therefore in order to make the change as slight as possible, get your plants now, when artificial heat is not used.

If you want to make use of such plants as Primula, Cineraria, or Calceolaria in your window-garden next winter, you can grow them very cheaply from seed. Procure it now, sow it at once, and you will have fine, strong plants by the dozen when winter comes. A single plant of these, bought from the florists in October and November, would cost more than the seed from which you can grow a hundred plants.

You need not expect many flowers from the Pansy during the hot weather. I find it a good plan to cut

back the plants at the beginning of July, and allow them entirely to renew themselves during the summer. If this is done, they will be strong and vigorous when the cooler weather of fall comes, and you will get large flowers from them and a wonderful profusion of them.

Tea Roses do best when their roots are kept cool and moist. It is well to save grass-clippings from the lawn, and use them as a mulch for the Rose-bed. Spread it about the plants to the depth of three or four inches. As soon as it wilts and becomes unsightly, dig it into the soil, and put on fresh clippings.

If the season happens to be a dry one, it will be necessary to water your plants daily. Do this after sundown. If you use water while the sun is shining, much of it will be evaporated by the heat before it has had a chance to do the plants any good. Apply it with a longspouted watering-pot without a noz-The latter will scatter the water all over the ground, and moisten its surface only. What is wanted is a sufficient amount, close to the roots of the plants, to penetrate to a depth of four or five inches. If a pot with a spout is used, you can get the water just where it is calculated to do the most good. But do not begin to water your plants unless you can keep on doing so while the dry spell lasts. To use a little water at the beginning of a drouth and then abandon the practice is one of the worst things you can do.

Pretty trellises for vines can be made with but little trouble and less cost, from old barrel hoops. Fasten them to stakes driven into the ground, in a row, in an upright position, placing them in such a manner that each circle intersects another circle, and fasten them where they meet each other with a stout string or wire.

CORRECT SHAVING.

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THIS illustrated lesson in shaving, the first of a series of four, was prepared for us by a successful barber. The instructions are practical in every particular. They will acquaint the novice with the correct method of shaving, and furnish helpful hints to the man who has been shaving himself for years.

Careful attention to the instructions and illustrations will enable one deftly to perform what may have seemed a difficult and uncomfortable task. To be independent of the barber is a convenience, and its economy will more than repay the effort required to master the few essentials set forth in these lessons.

The Razor.

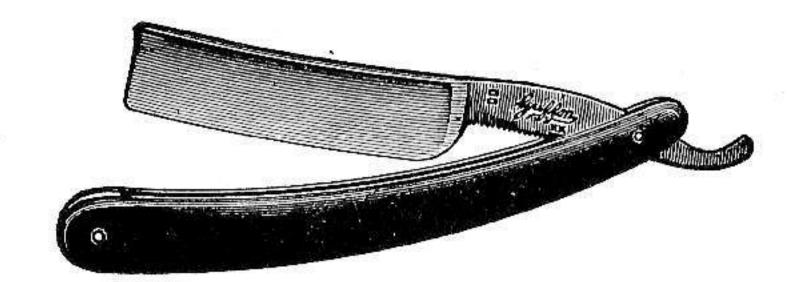
Success in shaving depends primarily on the razor. With a good razor, it is comparatively easy to shave oneself with comfort, but no amount of skill can make a dull edge do good work. Exercise care, then, in the selection of your razors.

Some men prefer a light blade; others, a heavy one. This is largely a matter of individual taste, though a heavy razor is best for heavy, wiry beards. Medium-weight razors are more generally used; they are best for the beginner. It is a good plan to have at least two razors, particularly if you are in the habit of shaving daily. A brief rest gives the particles of steel that compose the keen edge a chance to readjust themselves, after being deranged by the process of shaving.

Of the many makes, we have selected three as the best: Griffon Guaranteed Razor No. 1 and two styles of the safety type, the Radio-Magno Safety Razor No. 31 and the Yankee Safety Razor No. 21.

Any one of the three given for one Certificate.

The Griffon Razor is made of S. & C. Wardlow's English Steel. Guaranteed by its German makers to require no honing in private use;



blade, § in. It is one or two gauges finer concave than any other. It is tempered electrically so that heel and point are always of equal hardness, and is guaranteed equal to any razor made.

A double Swing Strop of buff porpoise and canvas hone with wood handle is given with each.

The Radio-Magno Razor is a regular razor with a nickel guard that is easily reversed or removed. Can



be conveniently used with or without guard. Its retail price in all stores is \$2.00.

Those who desire a safety razor will find the Yankee Safety thoroughly satisfactory. It has silver-

plated frame of two parts connected by

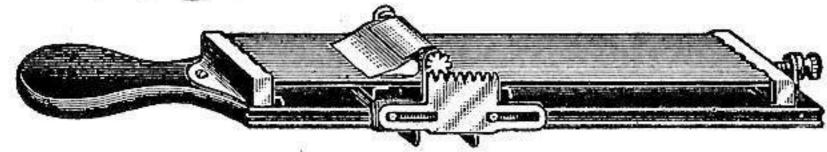
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for ease of cleaning, new style rubberoid

handle and metal stropping shank. The blade is of best English Steel and will hold an edge for years. Complete with double swing strop.

A Griffon Automatic Safety-Razor Stropping-Machine is a valuable accessory to this type of shaving outfit.

It is given for one Certificate.



With slight adaptation, the instructions to follow in these lessons may be applied to shaving with the Safety-Razor.

Wrist Movement.

All the movements of handling the razor are essentially of the wrist. We caution you, therefore, to master the following four movements thoroughly before attempting to follow the directions given hereafter. It will be understood that the instructions set forth below are for practice before attempting the actual processes of honing, stropping, or shaving.

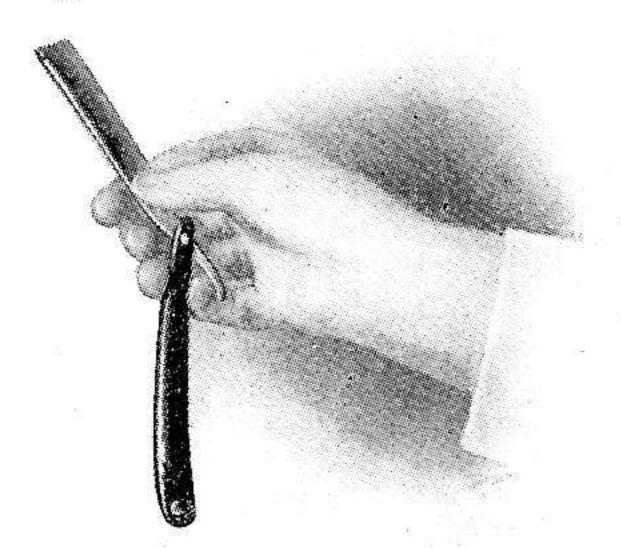


Fig. 1.

Figure 1. Take the razor in the right hand, as shown in Figure 1. This is the correct way of holding the razor.

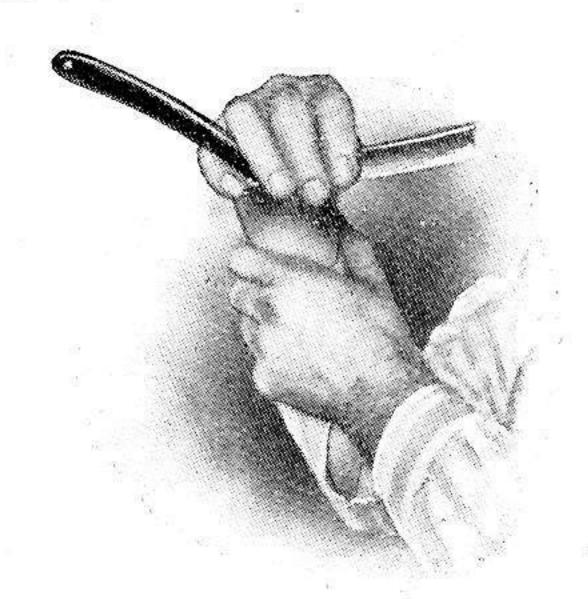


Fig. 2.

Figure 1. Take hold of the right wrist with the left hand as shown in Figure 2. Do not move the arm or elbow. Work the wrist and hand downward as shown in Figure 2.

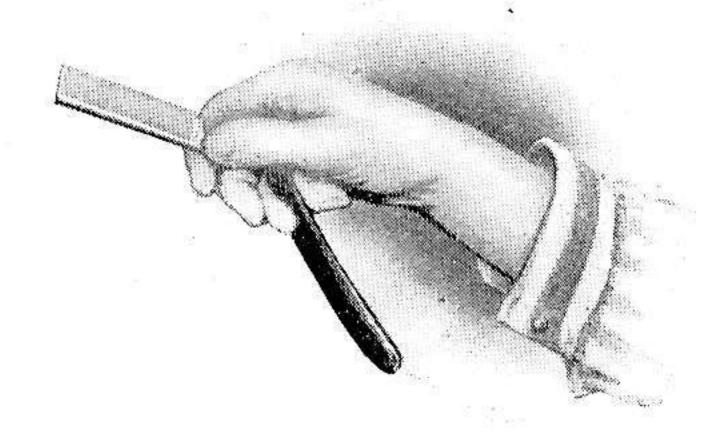


FIG. 3.

Figure 3. Still keeping the razor in the right hand remove the left hand from the wrist, and then turn the razor in the hand with the thumb and fingers of the right hand so that the razor occupies the position shown in Figure 3, and hold the razor in this position before beginning Figure 4.

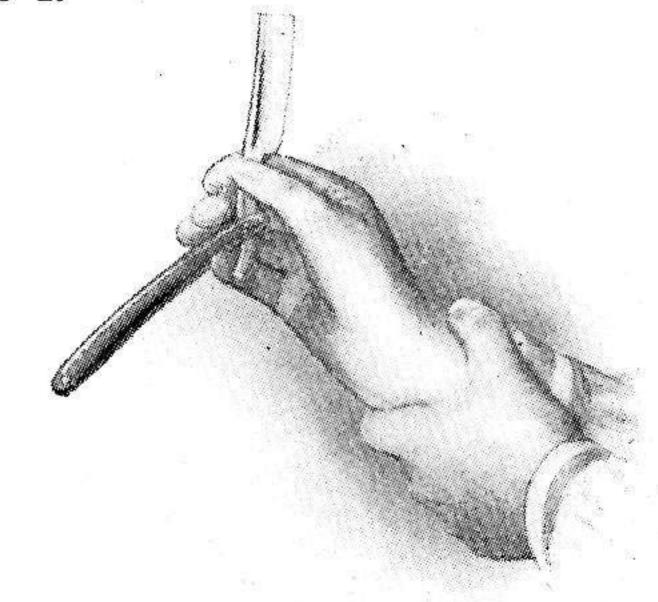


FIG. 4.

Figure 4. Take hold of the wrist with the left hand in manner shown in Figure 2, and work the hand and wrist upward as shown in Figure 4, keeping the arm and elbow rigid; repeat downward movement as shown in Figure 2; then repeat upward movement as shown in Figure 4, turning razor back and forth with thumb and finger, as indicated, until wrist becomes tired. Holding the wrist with the left hand is suggested for the purpose of keeping

the arm below the wrist rigid, as a proper movement of the wrist and hand alone is indispensable to success. After the pupil has accustomed himself to this wrist movement as indicated, he may practice without holding the wrist. The proper use of the wrist is absolutely essential. The motions shown in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be done with the left hand in the same manner as indicated for the right hand. This is necessary for the reason that shaving some parts of one's face requires the use of the left hand. Do not neglect to practice with your left hand as well as with your right, for by following these instructions you will become as proficient in the use of the razor with one hand as with the other.

Stropping.

Especial care should always be given to stropping the razor. The edge is exceedingly fine and delicate, and the best razor is easily ruined if the user is careless or ignorant of the way rightly to set its keen and delicate edge. Therefore, study carefully the following instructions and illustrations:

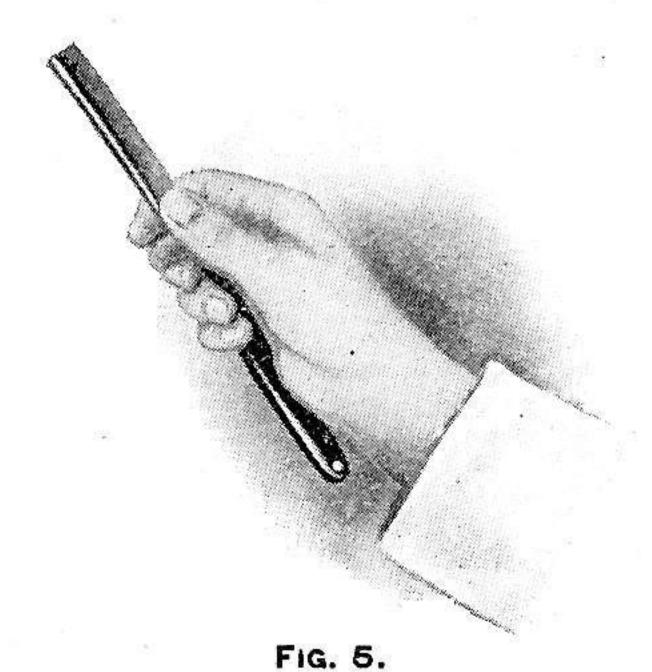


Figure 5. Take the razor in the right hand, as shown in Figure 5.

Figures 6 and 7. Take the strop in the left hand, as shown in Figure 6, pulling it as tightly as you can. Remember that if the strop is at all loose, you take the edge off the

razor instead of putting one on. Place the razor flat upon the strop with the back of the razor toward

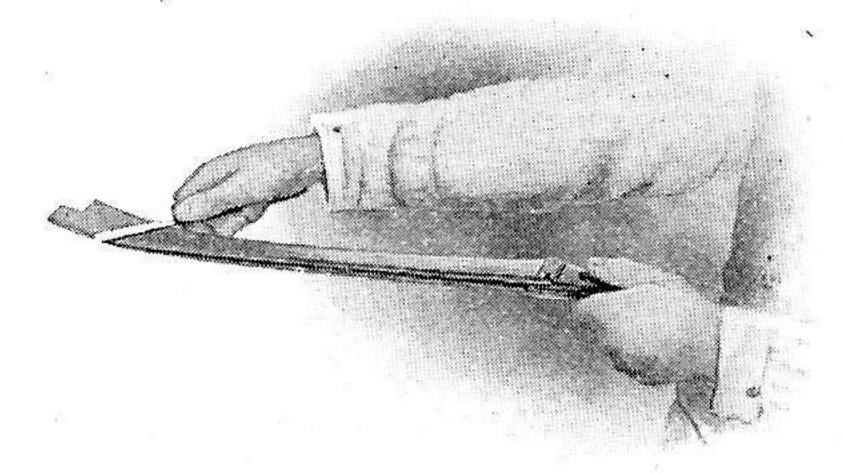


FIG. 6.

you, in the position shown in Figure 6. Draw the razor toward you over about fifteen inches of the strop, or as near the end as shown in Figure 7.

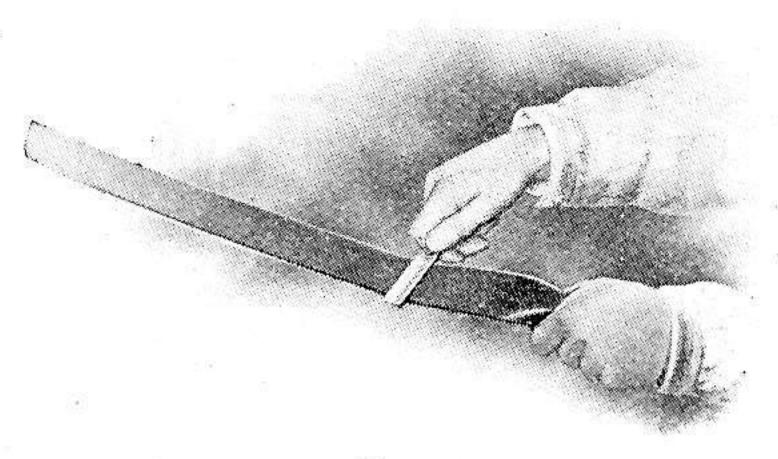


FIG. 7.

Figure 8. Now turn the razor in the hand with the thumb and fingers that hold the razor, without taking it off the strop, as shown in Figure 8, the *back* of the razor remaining and turning on the strop, leaving the edge of the razor toward you. Repeat in the opposite direction

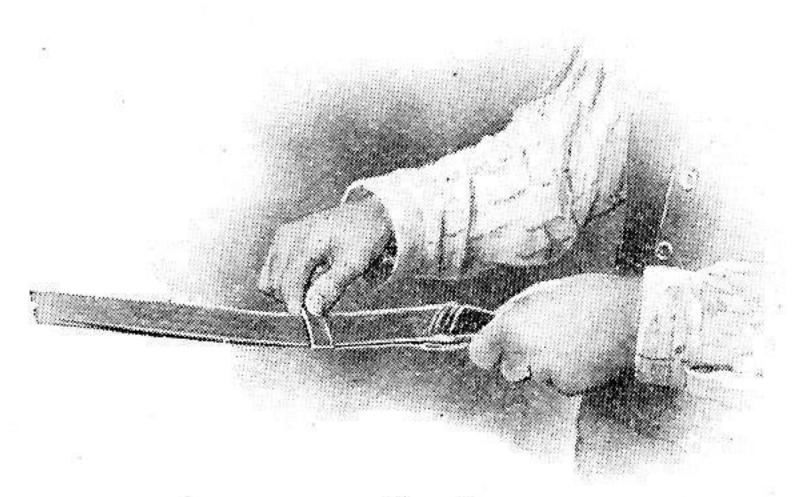


FIG. 8.

about fifteen inches, making slow movements toward and from you, always keeping the razor flat upon the strop. Do not strop the razor too much; a few strokes will put the keen edge in fine condition.

If the leather side of your strop lacks softness or oiliness, a few cents' worth of jewelers' rouge mixed with Larkin Petroleum Jelly in proportion of one third Jelly to two thirds rouge, applied as a dressing, will restore the strop.

Honing.

Secure a hone of fine and uniform grain. One of natural Belgian stone, such as we offer, mounted in polished cherry box, for one Certificate, is the only safe one to use. The strop will keep the edge of a good razor in

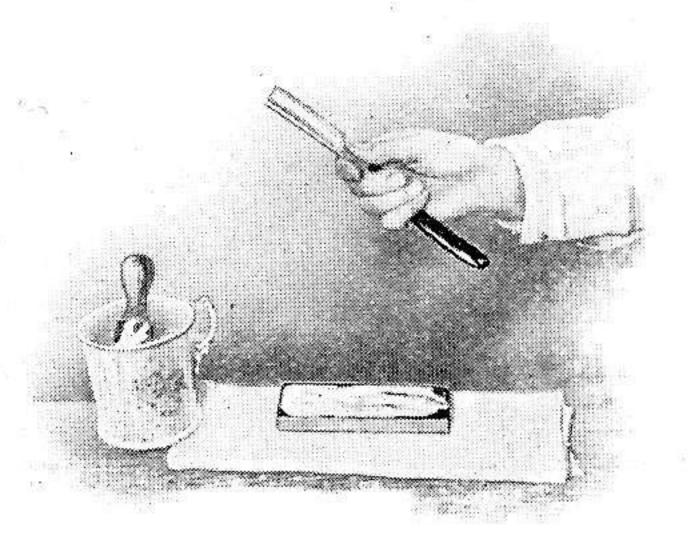


FIG. 9.

perfect condition for an indefinite time, but it cannot altogether take the place of the hone. Just as soon as you discover that a blade will not strop up to keenness, put it on the hone.

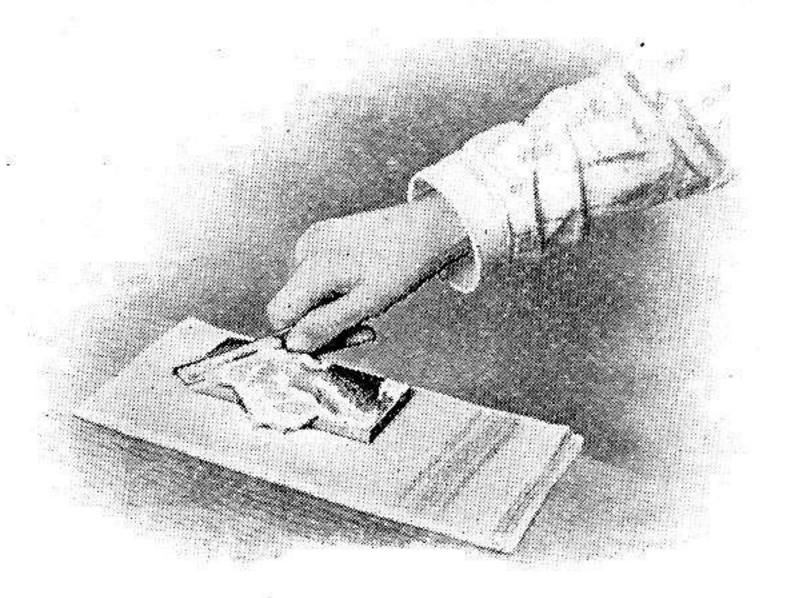


FIG. 10.

Before beginning to hone, prepare a thick lather and cover the surface of the hone with it.

Figures 9, 10, and 11. Take the razor in the right hand, as shown in Figure 9. Lay the razor flat upon the hone with the edge of the razor

toward you, as shown in Figure 10, draw the blade toward you from heel

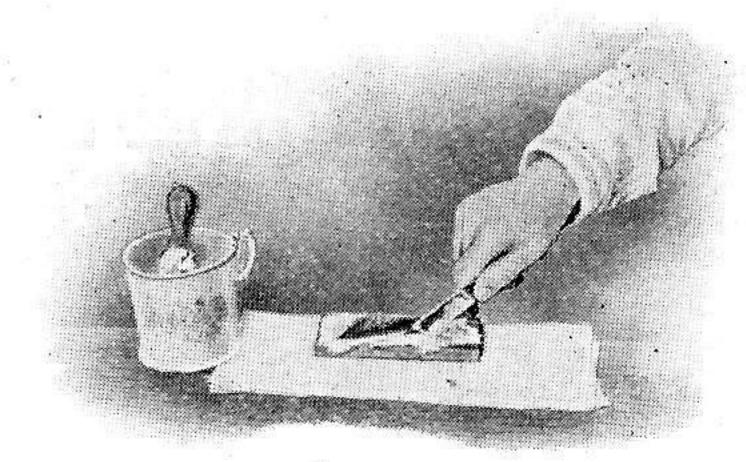


FIG. 11.

to point to the other end of the hone, as shown in Figure 11.

Figure 12. Turn the razor in the hand with the thumb and fingers that hold the razor, without taking the razor off the hone, as shown in Figure 12, keeping the back of the razor on the hone when turning. This will leave the back of the blade toward you. Then make a stroke away from you from heel to point to the other end of the hone, always keeping the razor flat upon the hone. Repeat the movements, without taking the

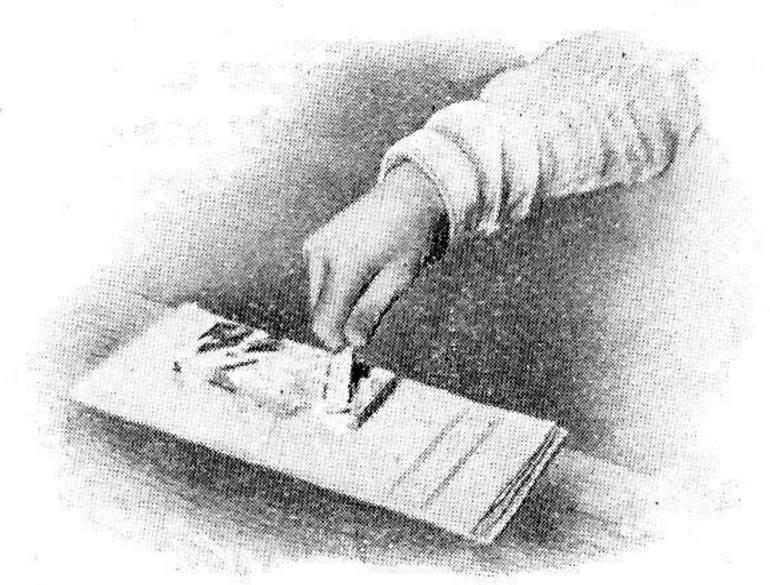


FIG. 12.

razor off the hone, until you have mastered them thoroughly. Pay strict attention to the illustrations and instructions. Do not press heavily with your razor upon the hone. Use plenty of lather and make your stroke as light and steady as possible. After having mastered honing thoroughly, it is necessary for the operator to know when the razor is sharp. In honing your razor preparatory to shaving, use from seven to eight strokes at a time,

then wipe the razor carefully, pull a hair from your head, hold the hair between the thumb and forefinger of the left hand and hold the razor in the right hand; simply touch the edge of the razor to the hair at the point of thumb and finger, as shown in Figure 13. Do not draw the razor.



FIG. 13.

Figure 13. If it clips the hair at the first touch, the razor is properly sharpened and ready for the strop. If it does not clip the hair easily, hone seven or eight more strokes or until the razor is in such condition that it will clip the hair quickly. Do not hone your razor too often, but only when absolutely necessary, and then always as lightly as possible.

Song of the Razor.

BY F. R. JEWETT.

Scrape! scrape! scrape!
With a razor of low degree,
Fast friends, one would judge,
Are my whiskers and I,
So firmly they cling unto me.

Oh, would like a festive goat
I could live on a diet of tin,
With never a thought
Of the day that is past
Or the length of the beard on my chin!

Scrape! scrape! And the church bells sound o'er the lea,

While unholy thoughts
Are fast filling my breast
And my wife has long waited for me.

Scrape! scrape!
From that horrible sound now I'm
free;

For a Razor from Larkin
Has come to our home
And made shaving a pleasure to me.

So life takes a rosier hue,
And kindlier now seems my fate;
The church bells may ring
On a bright Sunday morn,
But no more shall I fear being late.

Scrape! scrape! scrape!
As relief from these woes you will see
Larkin Razors and Strops,
Shaving Stands, and the like,
In the Premium List, page 33.

A Larkin Social at Greensboro Bend.

A social was recently held by the Ladies' Aid Society of a congregation in Greensboro Bend, Vt., to raise funds for repairing their church. Larkin Products and Premiums rendered valuable assistance. The following account of the event sent by Mrs. George Balten, one of the committee on arrangements, is full of suggestion:

"First of all a committee of five ladies was appointed to take orders for Larkin Products. In a few days the report was made that the \$10.00 order had been secured, and that the \$10.00 worth of Products selected as a Premium had been sold.

"Entertaining features were arranged for the social. A committee was appointed to select pieces for children and grown people, from The Larkin Idea, and an interesting program of recitation and music was rendered. A list of ten questions was distributed among the audience and a fine of one cent imposed for each question left unanswered; a cake of soap was to be awarded to any who guessed the whole list. Only one cent was collected as fine, and only one lady, Mrs. Lilla Bullard,

secured the soap. A prize was given to the boys selling tickets, and the tickets sold netted \$9.00.

"After the program, the children blew soap-bubbles, and a package of Larkin Sachet Powder was awarded as a prize to the one blowing the largest bubble. Arthur Clary won this prize. The grown people also tried their ability to blow bubbles; Mrs. Lilla Bullard won the prize, a box of Sachet Powder.

"Next came refreshments of sandwiches and coffee, the sandwiches having been donated by the ladies of the church; the sale of these amounted to \$5.58, which with the \$10.00 from the sale of Larkin Products and \$9.00 for admissions brought nearly \$25.00 to the Aid Society's treasury.

"The ladies feel highly elated over their success and wish to thank the Larkin Co. for the opportunity to take the Premium in Products instead of something that could not have been sold so readily."

Baby's Bath.

BY ELLEN M. TAYLOR.

Rub-a-dub-dub!
Into the tub

sweet.

Put the wee baby and give him a scrub.

Washed with clear water and Maid o' the Mist,

He is fit by a queen to be kissed.
To guard him from heat,
From crown to cute feet
Dust with Larkin Violet Powder

Morals of Business High.

When Mr. Robert C. Ogden, the New-York merchant prince, addressed a Buffalo audience on a recent Sunday afternoon, he made this most encouraging statement:

"In a large experience, never have I known the morals of business to be so high, or the demand for character so great as at this time."

Larkin Olive Oil

(or Sweet Oil)

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Olive oil is known to many people as "Sweet" oil.

Larkin Olive Oil is the genuine, virgin oil from prime, ripe olives, grown in Southern France, and is far superior to Italian olive oil. It is imported directly by us. Per full half-pint bottle, 40c.

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will interest others.

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The Poem I Would Write.

BY UNCLE HIRAM.

When Lucy Ellen's at the tub,
It seems to me that I could write
A poem such as bards indite;
But how begin it? there's the rub!
Shall I start off with laughing eyes?
Or with the dimples in her cheeks?
Or lips that lure me, when she speaks,

To seek from her a poet's prize

In kisses, such as rhymsters sing Who know what words befit the theme

And how to use them till they seem Word-pearls upon a silken string?

So many charming things I see In Lucy Ellen at her work! What wealth of winsome witcheries lurk

In everything she does, for me!

So many charms I cannot choose Which one to name first in my rhyme;

So, more and more perplexed, the time

In sweet bewilderment I lose.

Ah, now I have it! Maid, my heart Is like the soap beneath thy hand—It's Larkin's Soap, I understand—There, thank my stars! I've got a start—

My heart is thine wherewith to make Thy life a happy one. What bliss! My heart, her soap, alike in this— That Lucy Ellen "takes the cake."

Price Reduced.

Another Price Reduction and Quality Betterment—We are able to announce a reduction of price in one of our most popular tables.

Library Table No. 8 (formerly listed as No. 9) may be had for eight Certificates instead of nine. The quality has been improved, instead of being reduced. The finish of the Table is more elegant than heretofore, which makes this Premium even more popular and desirable than it has been. The Premium List will give you a complete description.

A Fair-Minded View.

Mr. J. E. Ward of Springfield, Ohio, writing in the *Grocers' World* for April 24th, expresses this opinion:

"No matter what we may say or think, we must admit that while it is possible to fool people for some time, it cannot go on forever, and the rapid growth of the Larkin business, if it means anything at all, is positive proof that they are satisfying their customers."

Mr. Ward is a retail grocer, a circumstance that adds weight to his opinion.

One Fourth Better, Price Same.

Chiffoniers Nos. 910, 914 and 915 have been improved by making them swell-front, increasing their value and beauty about one fourth. The price, ten, fourteen and fifteen Certificates, respectively, has not been increased. These pieces of furniture

are among our most attractive offers, and since the improvement, first announced in the 48th edition of our Premium List, their popularity has been greater than ever; the demand has nearly doubled. In addition, they now have genuine Mahogany veneer front and top, instead of Mahogany finish.

Larkin Baking Powder Reduced From 25c. to 20c. a Half Pound Can.

We feel exceedingly grateful to our customers for the endorsement they have given Larkin Quality through the generous reception accorded Larkin Baking Powder.

It's a strong endorsement. This is the way we look at it: every housewife devoutly believes that it's better to be sure than sorry, particularly when there's an hour or two over a hot stove and a batch of baking involved in the transaction. Baking powder is a tricky article; just a little bit of poor powder can upset a whole morning's work, so it's perfectly natural that one should be a bit eery of a new baking powder.

Now Larkin Co. offer to their customers Larkin Baking Powder, giving their word that it is a high-grade, reliable pure article. No questions are asked; orders begin to pour in as soon as the announcement that the new product is ready has been circulated, and then nothing but praise follows the receipt of each can. Now isn't that an endorsement to be proud of? Of course it's well merited, but we can't help feeling grateful for it.

And the beauty of it all is that the confidence placed in us will not be abused, for Larkin Baking Powder is scientifically compounded of the purest raw materials by a skilled

specialist. Its efficiency is high and may be relied upon absolutely.

As we have often told you, manufacturing in great quantities is more economical than manufacturing on a small scale. Since we are sure that Larkin Baking Powder is to continue a success, we can now make it in larger quantities and thereby save money. The benefit is passed to you in the price reduction. Try a can in your next order. One-half pound can, price 20 cents.

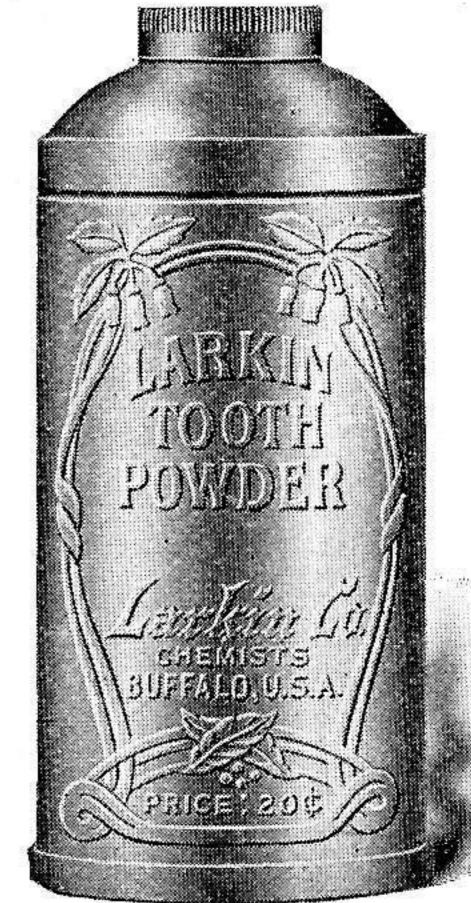
An Old Friend with New Charms.

Old friends, if they're of the right sort, unfold new charms to us as time passes. Larkin Tooth Powder is an old friend of the right sort, and when you look for new charms at your next meeting it will not disappoint you.

Larkin Tooth Powder is now put up in a graceful aluminum box, richly embossed with an exquisite design

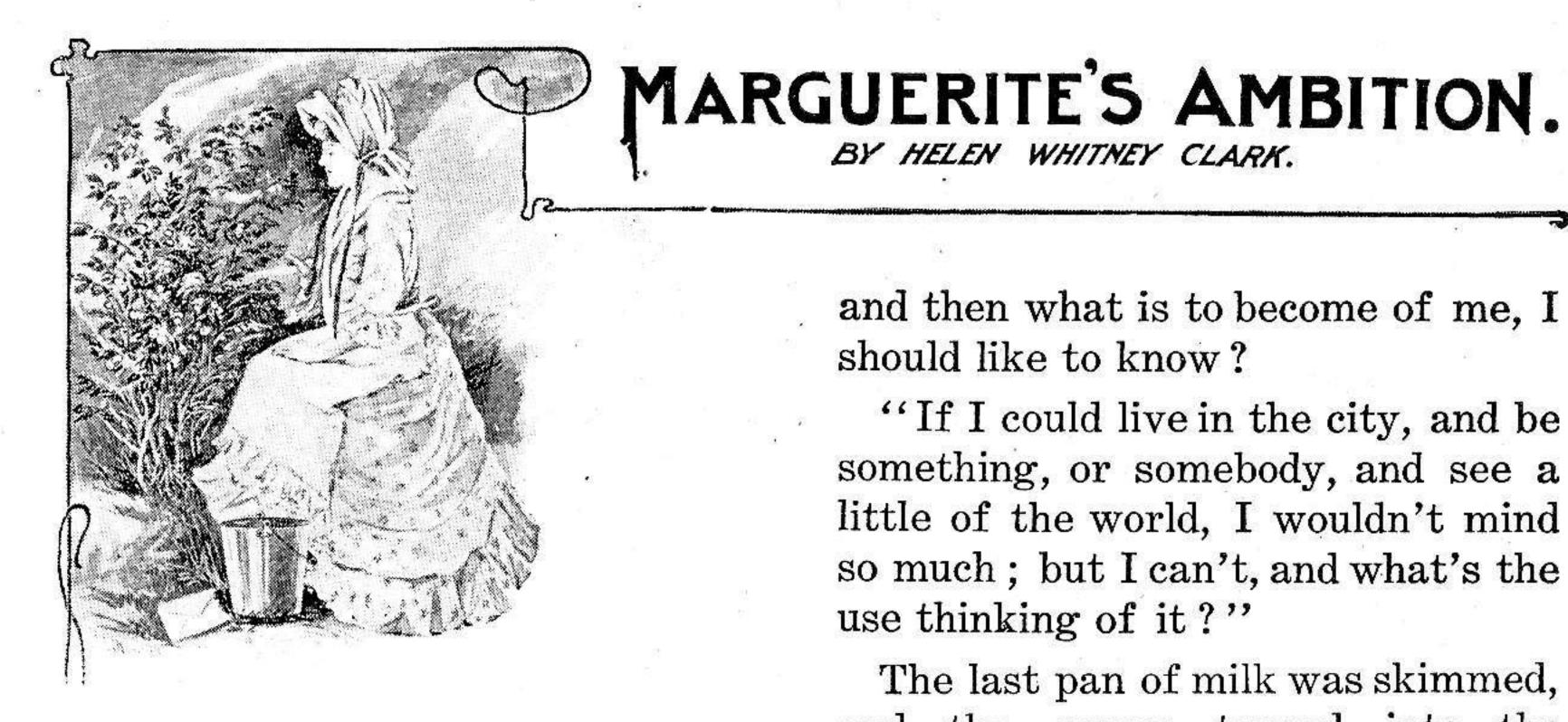
of wintergreen leaves and blossoms. In this form it can be used with great economy, for a simple turning of the screwtop will release the proper amount of powder without spilling any.

The wintergreen flavor of Larkin Tooth



Powder imparts to the mouth a sensation that is delightful and refreshing. Larkin Tooth Powder is a thorough cleanser, mildly antiseptic, and it will keep the mouth healthy and the breath sweet.

Price, 20c. a 2-oz. box.



"BLUE Monday," sighed Marguerite Fairstairs, "and bread to bake, clothes to soak for the washing, yesterday's cream to churn, gooseberries to pick for jam, floors to sweep, dishes to wash, and who knows how many other things to do? Oh, dear! I wonder if the negroes, in the old slavery times, ever worked any harder than I do! To be sure I don't have to pick cotton, but I doubt if that was any worse than housework."

"I ought not to complain," she added, a trifle remorsefully, "for Hiram is always ready to carry the water for me, and Mrs. Merrythought says, 'Don't overwork yourself, Marguerite,' but how can I help it? The clothes must be washed and ironed, the meals cooked, and floors scrubbed, and as for slighting my work, that I won't do!"

Marguerite had not been idle during this soliloquy. With her sleeves rolled up, she was tripping about, putting things in order, wiping the dresser shelves, polishing the china and glassware, and doing the thousand and one small things that make so little show for the labor involved.

"It's not the work I complain of, though, but the monotony of it," pursued Marguerite. "I must keep on doing the same things, day after day, till I grow old, gray and wrinkled, and maybe get the rheumatism; and then what is to become of me, I should like to know?

"If I could live in the city, and be something, or somebody, and see a little of the world, I wouldn't mind so much; but I can't, and what's the use thinking of it?"

The last pan of milk was skimmed, and the cream turned into the cedar-wood churn, and Marguerite's thoughts flew rapidly on, keeping time, as it seemed, to the brisk motions of the dasher.

"I might have gone to the city, and set up a small millinery-shop or notion-store, with the money Aunt Codding left me," she reflected. "but I could not refuse to help brother James with the last payments on his house. And when Cousin John broke his leg, and had to be sent to the hospital, somebody had to care for his wife and her three little children, and see that a roof was kept over their heads. So here I am, eighteen years of age, with no prospects of ever seeing the world, or being anything greater than Mrs. Merrythought's hired girl! Heigh-ho!"

She did not regret what she had bestowed on her more needy relatives. What Marguerite had to give, she gave with a good will, not grudgingly, or with a lagging spirit. But she had her ambitions and her dreams,—dreams of the great world, in great cities, of which she knew nothing, save what she had read in books. And to feel that those dreams could never be realized cost her many a secret pang, though she did not allow her disappointment to interfere with the performance of her household duties.

The bread was baked at last, the clothes put to soak, the cream was churned and the butter set away in the cool spring-house, and Marguerite in a freshly ironed dress and white apron was gathering the gooseberries for jam, when Hiram Merrythought came striding up the path.

As he reached the long row of gooseberry bushes where Marguerite sat, rattling the mammoth "Houghton seedlings" into a brightly

scoured twogallon pail, Hiram paused directly in front of her, carefully keeping his hands behind his back.

"What would you give for a letter?" he asked, teasingly, his honest blue-gray eyes lighting up with admiration at the pretty, expectant face lifted so eagerly to his own.

"A letter? O Hiram, did you really get

one for me? Do give it to me at once, please!"

"Catch, then," and the tall young farmer tossed the square-enveloped missive into her outstretched hand.

"I say, Marguerite, you've got an all-day job with those berries. I'll come and help you, directly," he called back, as he strode with a firm step through the garden and orchard-path to the low-roofed cottage farm-house.

When he came again, later on, to

keep his promise of assisting her, Marguerite was eagerly stripping the thickly fruited bushes, as if anxious to complete her task.

She looked at Hiram with sparkling eyes, and cheeks flushed with excitement.

"I'm going away, to the city, at last, Hiram! My letter was from Sue Fields, and she has succeeded in getting a situation for me, in the store where she is cashier. Just what I have always been wishing

for, you know! Wasn't I born under a lucky star, don't you think?" she demanded, gayly.

But Hiram turned his head away, as if the joy that shone in her face were somehow distasteful to him.

"Idon't know about the lucky star, Mar-guerite," he returned, slowly. "You know I don't believe in such things, any more than you do. But if you are so

happy at the thought of going away from us, I suppose I ought to be glad, too, for your sake."

"Why, Hiram!" Marguerite turned her gaze upon him in roundeyed wonder. "Do you really think it strange I should be glad to get away from this poky old place?"

"Perhaps not," admitted Hiram, reluctantly. "But I thought—I hoped, Marguerite,—you knew how much we loved you, Mother and I, and—and—that you loved us, a little in return."



"MARGUERITE WAS COMFORTABLY SEATED."

"Why, so I do," confessed Marguerite, frankly. "But of course I can't expect to live here always! I have my own way to make in the world."

"Not unless you choose to do so, Marguerite. Stay with us, always. Mother wants you, for a daughter, and I—I want you for my wife, dear. Marguerite, say you will not go and leave us."

Surely, this was a day of surprises to Marguerite. She hung her head for a moment, and winked very fast, to keep back the tears that tried to gather in her eyes. She did care a great deal for Hiram, he had been so good to her. But she had never thought of marrying him, or any one, even in her wildest dreams.

"Oh! Hiram, don't ask me," she said, at last. "You don't know how I long to see something of the great world! I feel like a prisoned bird, which has been vainly beating its wings against the bars, and finds a way of escape at last!"

And Hiram, brave young fellow that he was, put aside his own disappointment, and showed a ready sympathy with Marguerite's good fortune, as she termed it.

To Marguerite, the few days that ensued before her preparations for the "flitting" were completed, seemed invested with a rose-colored halo of blissful fancies and anticipations.

Mrs. Merrythought being something of an invalid, Marguerite would not leave her until a substitute for herself had been engaged, in the person of Octavia Bloomer, the daughter of a neighboring farmer.

Octavia was a black-eyed, buxom damsel, who tossed her head pertly when Marguerite ventured to make certain suggestions in regard to household matters, plainly indicating that she had a will of her own, and a way of her own, as well.

The day of departure came at last, and Marguerite was comfortably seated in the passenger-coach of the northward-bound Express train, where she could look out upon the smooth waters of the great Mississippi, sparkling on its way to the broad ocean.

The fringe of cottonwood and water-willows bordering the sluggish tributaries on the western side, the picturesque farmhouses, nestling under the sheltering arms of peachand apple-orchards, the sleek, well-fed cattle, straying knee-deep in the tall pasture-grass, and the billowy fields of growing wheat and corn were left behind at last, and when the great city was reached, and the train steamed into Union Station with its throng of human beings, Marguerite was glad to find her friend, Sue Fields, awaiting her.

"Glad you didn't disappoint me," declared Sue, giving Marguerite's hand an emphatic squeeze. "It's the lunch-hour, and I have only time to rush around to my room with you, where we can swallow a mouthful or two, before getting back to the store. Of course we shall room together, and do our own cooking, over a Blue-Flame Oil Stove; that will lighten our expenses, you know."

While Sue's busy tongue ran on, the two girls were making their way as rapidly as possible to the rather dingy-looking lodging-house, where Sue had a room in the third story. On their way, they stopped at a small bakery, for a loaf of bread, and at the "Bread and Milk Depot," for a nickel's worth of "cream" and a ten-cent dab of butter, in a wooden boat, then to the grocer's for some slices of boiled ham, and, purchases in hand, they reached the lodging-house and plodded up two long flights of uncarpeted stairs to a little cock-loft of a room, where

Sue made some tea over the Oil Stove; and Marguerite was tired, and hungry enough to relish the frugal meal extremely.

Marguerite was soon installed in her new position, and, though the excitement and novelty of the first few days interested and amused her, she soon began to feel the difference between her present life and that to which she had become accustomed.

Standing behind a counter from eight o'clock in the morning till six

at night, with only a slight intermission at noon-time, quite a was change from the free open life of the country. And the tiny little room in the "cockloft," with its one window looking out on a vista of tenement-house porches and backyards, thronged with slatternly women and children, and unkempt, roughlooking men, suffered considerably in comparison with her roomy apartment at the old farm-house.

with its broad piazzas, and boundless view of trees and meadows, and grassy lanes, and distant hill-tops.

"You'll get used to it, after a while," assured Sue, cheerfully. "You're a bit homesick now, but you'll get bravely over that, before long." And Marguerite, with some uncomfortable doubts, tried to believe she would.

But when the warm, dry, sultry days of August came, her cheek

grew pale, and her step listless.

"The harvest sweetings are ripe, and the wheat is cut and shocked, at Strawberry Vale," she reflected, sadly, during a temporary lull in the influx of customers. "I wonder what luck Octavia Bloomer has had with her preserving, and whether the Jersey calf has been weaned, and what luck the white turkey has had with her brood? The sugar pear-tree by the south window ought to have a good crop of fruit, it bore

such a wealth of blossoms."

"Oh, dear! Hiram, could you make me a decent cup of tea? I can't seem to relish this wishywashy stuff! And the toast is burnt to a cinder!"

Mrs. Merrythought was exhausted by waiting an hour beyond her usual tea-time, and her voice sounded querulous and irritable.

"Make you some tea, Mother? To be sure I can," responded Hiram, heartily, "and

some toast, too. You sit back and rest, now, and I'll have it ready in a jiffy."

And pouring out the lukewarm infusion dignified by Octavia, as tea, Hiram measured out the requisite allowance of his mother's favorite Formosa Oolong, infused it in boiling water, and set it on the hearth to draw, while he cut a slice of bread, carefully removed the crust, and soon had prepared a round of toast,



"HER CHEEK GREW PALE AND HER STEP LISTLESS."

delicately browned to a light golden hue, with which the most fastidious taste could find no fault.

"There now, Mother," announced Hiram, cheerfully, as he placed the tea and toast on the round table, "I think you can make out a meal."

"Oh, no: Hiram, she must have an egg. Let me poach one for her," interrupted a cheery voice, and there stood Marguerite, in her gray traveling-suit, smiling contentedly at the surprise she had evoked.

"Yes, I've come back," she declared, throwing aside her hat and veil, and bustling about the stove to prepare the poached egg, which Mrs. Merrythought always relished with her toast.

"Now sit right down, yourself, and let me make some toast for you, Marguerite," urged Hiram, delightedly. "You look quite fagged out."

And Marguerite, who was really tired, sank gracefully into the chair he drew forward for her.

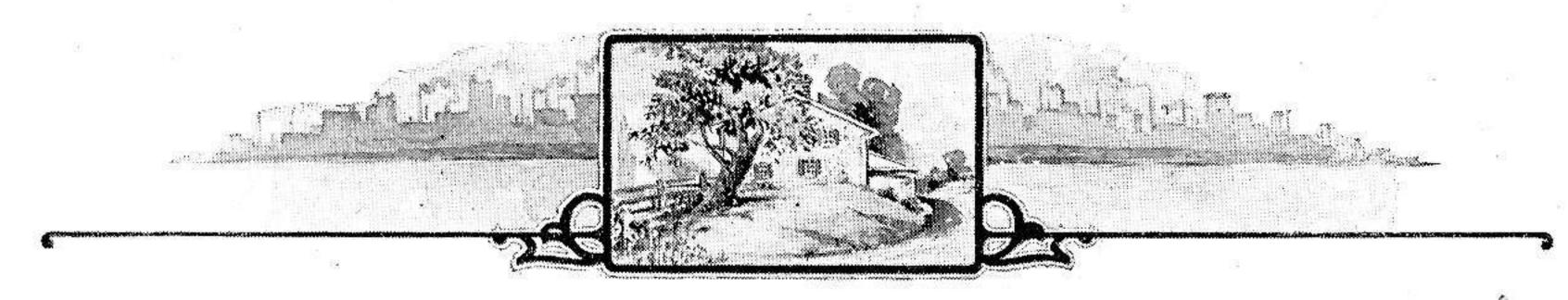
"Have you really come back to us, Marguerite, to stay?" asked Mrs. Merrythought, half doubtingly.

"I have really come back to stay,"

answered Marguerite, with a happy laugh, "if you will let me. I've had enough of the city, with its brick walls and dusty streets, and to climb up two flights of stairs to a stuffy little room in a third-rate boardinghouse, when one is tired to death already, is not the most agreeable thing in the world. Oh, I've had enough of city life; I'm so glad to get back to the farm again, I felt like hugging old Cherry as she shook her bell at me in the lane. I was too late for the stage, so I walked out, and left my trunk. And, Hiram, I invested in a box of Larkin's newest products, Tea, Coffee, Baking Powder, Saleratus, Cocoa, Chocolate, and a lot of other things. You'll be sure to bring them out with my trunk?"

"Certainly," agreed Hiram.

And when Octavia Bloomer came slowly to the house with the two pails of milk, she was not so much pleased as surprised to behold Marguerite sipping her tea composedly beside Mrs. Merrythought, while Hiram with his coat off was carefully toasting another slice of bread.



Adulterated Food Products Dangerous.

The past year's investigations, which the government chemists have been conducting, reveal to a certainty that the public is being poisoned deliberately and systematically—by reckless adulteration. For example, a fluid labeled "Pure Lemon Extract" was recently found to contain wood alcohol, a deadly poison. It was colored with aniline dye, but there was not a single trace of lemon oil. Enough other

instances to fill these pages several times might be cited.

Several states, notably New York and Pennsylvania, have instituted a rigorous crusade against this evil. Vital interests demand that great care be exercised to use only manufactured foods of unquestioned purity. The most exhaustive tests would fail to find impure or harmful substances in any of the Larkin Food Products; absolute purity is always the first consideration, as Larkin customers are well aware.

The Prize Photograph Contest.

In the contest that closed May 15th, the following prizes were awarded:

Genre Subjects, First Prize,\$2.00, Rosa Powell, Princess Anne, Md.

Genre Subjects, Second Prize, \$1.00, Mrs. Wilma G. Harris, Littleton, N. H.

Landscapes, First Prize, \$2.00, Mrs. Jennie Thayer, Bertrand, Neb.

Landscapes, Second Prize, \$1.00, Ruth B. Holmes, Brockton, Mass.



"TRYING A LARKIN GUN."
Awarded First Prize of \$2.00 for Genre Subjects in May Contest.
Taken with our Seneca Camera by Rosa Powell, Princess Anne, Md.

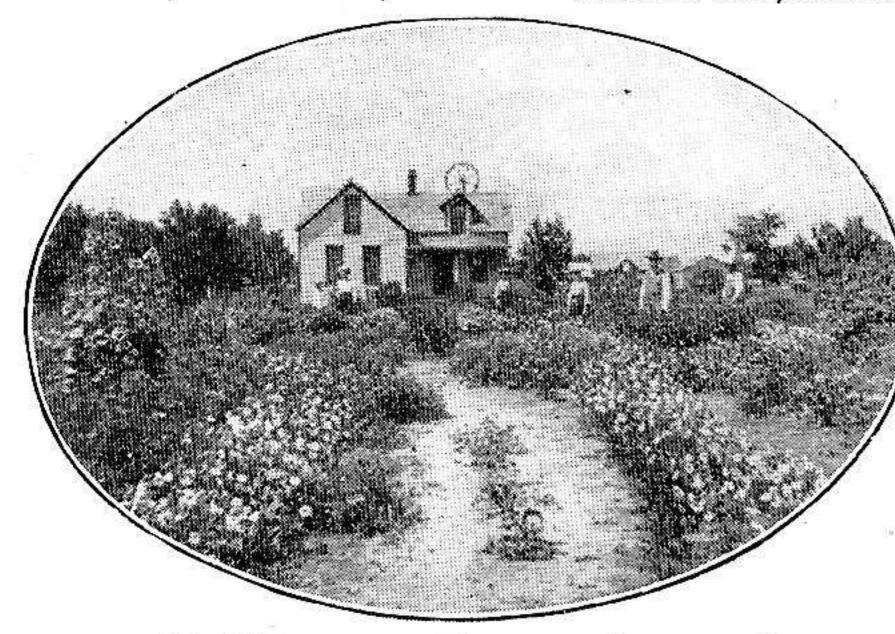
will be finished just as the sun starts to shine. This will give a soft effect that is essentially artistic.

Summer lights must be studied. A good way to learn your lens and what to expect of it in landscape work is to take several exposures of the same subject, using different stops and different times. Note this data on the holder slide covering the plate exposed. You will profit by comparing the results.

Remember that greens do not photograph rapidly, so give subjects in which there are trees and shrubbery plenty of time.

Do not take a picture with your camera looking into the sun. The strong light, even if shaded from the lens will produce a harsh effect.

When taking groups, select a spot in subdued light and make a time exposure. The faces of groups taken in the sun are always marred by heavy shadows about the nose and eyes.

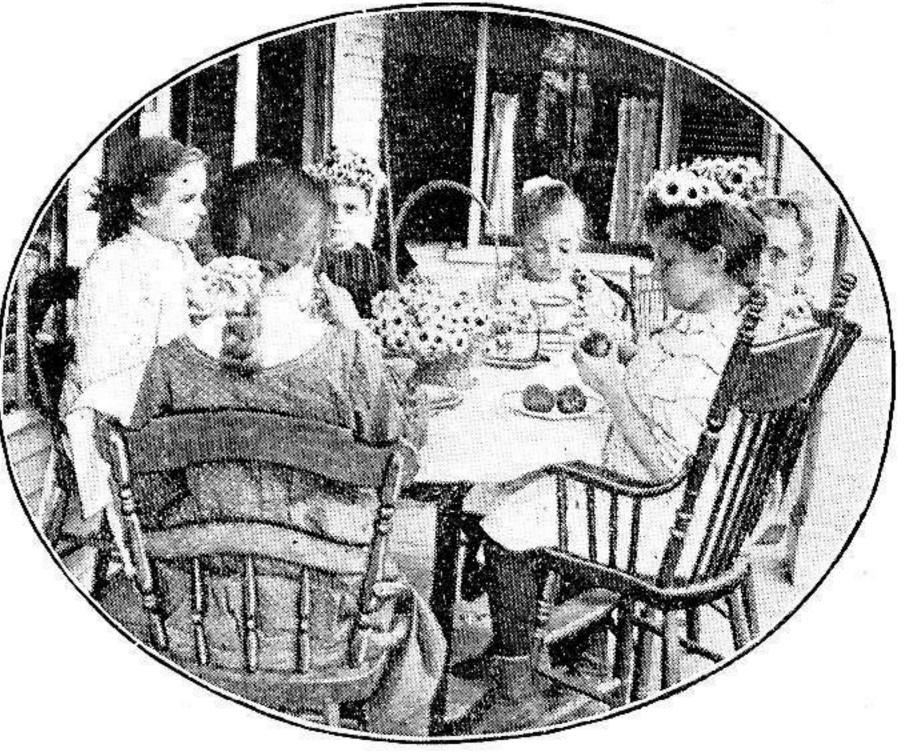


"A NEBRASKA FLOWER GARDEN."
Awarded First Prize of \$2.00 for Landscapes in May Contest.
Taken with our Chautauqua Camera by Mrs. Jennie Thayer, Bertrand, Neb.

Picture-Making In Summer.

In summer, landscapes engage the attention of the amateur photographer. The field of landscape photography affords an opportunity for pleasant and interesting work, but it has its difficulties.

You cannot obtain good results on a cloudless day. Its strong light will give deep shadows and high whites—an unsightly contrast. Choose a day when there are a few clouds in the sky. Do not expose until the sun is obscured, and time your exposure so that it



"AFTERNOON TEA."
Awarded Second Prize of \$1.00 for Genre Subjects in May Contest.
Taken with our Chautauqua Camera by Mrs. Wilma G. Harris, Littleton, N. H.

FOR WOMEN'S WEAR

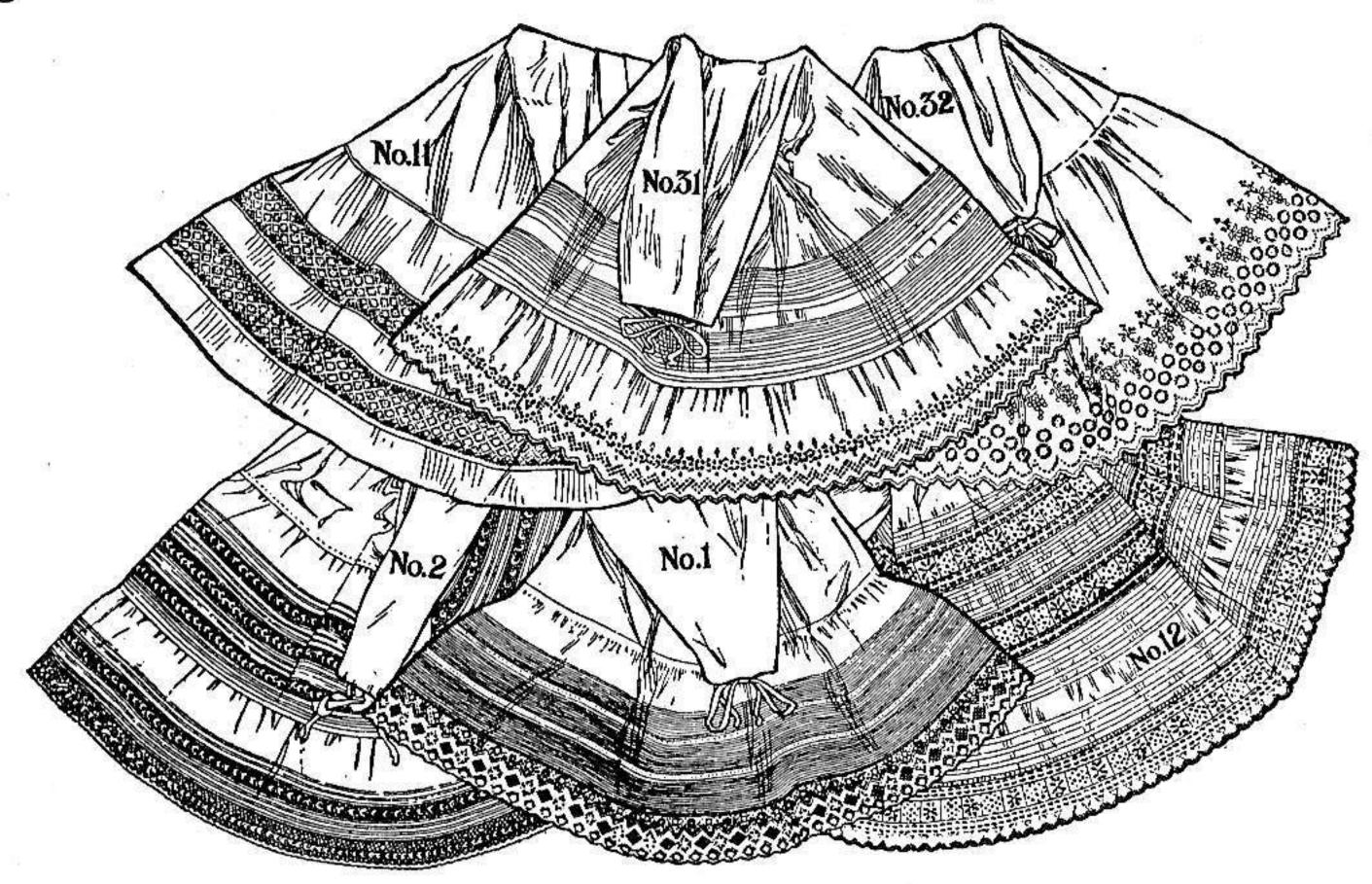
THE extensive line of women's wearing apparel added in the 48th edition of the Larkin Premium List has struck a popular chord. LARKIN IDEA readers who haven't seen the offers in the Premium List willbeinteresteding them here.

No. 0. Short Skirt. Good quality Muslin with 6½-in. India Linen ruffle, 5 rows fine tucks, finished with Torchon lace. Length, 27 or 29 inches. One given for one-half Certificate.

flounce of lace and India Linen. Four rows of Valenciennes insertion and Val. edge; 12 fine tucks. Muslin under-flounce has India Linen ruffle.

No. 12. Cambric Skirt with 19-in. India Linen flounce, 11 tucks, 2 rows of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. lace insertion and 3-in. lace edge. The under-flounce is finished with 6-in. India Linen ruffle having three tucks.

No. 32. Cambric Skirt with 16-in. flounce of Teneriffe embroidery in a handsome pattern. Muslin under-



Lengths, 40, 42, 44.

One given for one Certificate.

No. 1. Cambric Skirt with 11-in. India Linen flounce, 18 fine tucks, 2 rows hemstitching, 3-in. lace edge. Muslin dust ruffle.

No. 11. Cambric Skirt with 13-in. India Linen flounce, 2 rows of 2-in. lace insertion. Muslin dust ruffle.

No. 31. Cambric Skirt with 18-in. India Linen flounce, two clusters of 6 rows graduated tucks, finished with 6½-in. ruffle of English eyelet embroidery. Dust ruffle.

One given for two Certificates.

No. 2. Cambric Skirt with 15-in.

flounce finished with 4-in. hemstitched ruffle of India Linen.

Nightgowns.

Sizes, 15, 16, 17.

One given for onehalf Certificate.

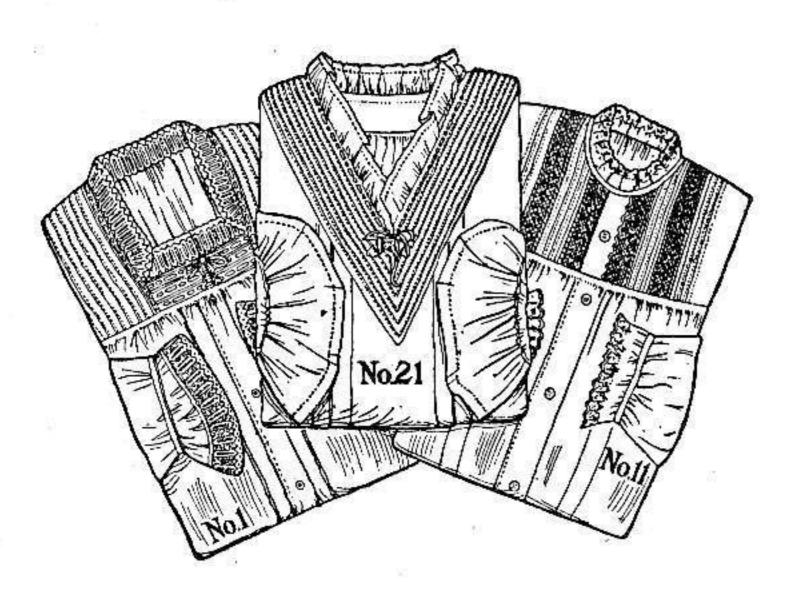
No. 0. Cambric Gown.
Yoke trimmed with 16 rows of fagoting.
Hemstitched ruffle at neck and sleeves.

No. 10. Cambric Gown. The yoke

has 2 rows of lace insertion and 24 fine tucks. Neck and sleeves edged with lace.

One given for one Certificate.

No. 1. Nainsook Gown with yoke of fine India Linen, 14 tucks, 14 rows hemstitching, 3 rows beading at front, 1 around neck. Neck and sleeves edged with lace.



No. 11. Nainsook. Neck has 4 rows Swiss Insertion, 12 tucks, 12 rows hemstitching. Neck and sleeves finished with Swiss embroidery.

No. 21. A Nainsook Slip-over with short sleeves. V-shaped yoke of 7 rows hemstitched tucks. Neck and sleeves finished with hemstitched ruffle.

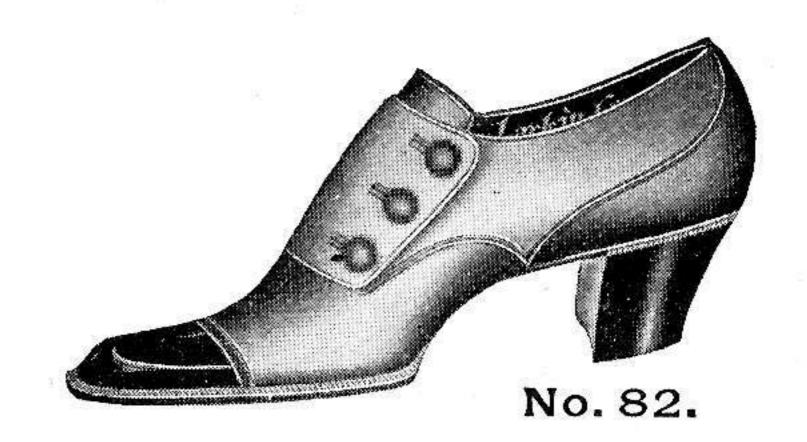
All our Women's Shoes (of which we here mention but two styles) are expressly made for us in a factory whose name stands for quality. In ordering, give size and width.

Sizes, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 8; widths, A to EE. One pair given for two Certificates.



No. 72. Court Tie Oxford. Three large eyelets. Patent tip, dull top. Goodyear welt, extension sole.

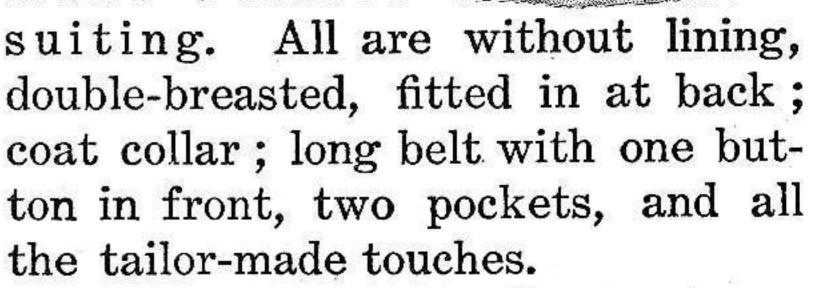
No. 82. Blucher Button Oxford. Fine Kid with patent tip, dull top. Goodyear welt, extension sole.



No better guarantee of excellence could be offered than the fact that

our Rain Coat No. 913 is made by Hodgman Rubber Co.

There is a choice of light-weight Worsted in Olive Brown, Light or Dark Gray. No fabric wears so well and looks fresh and new so long in a Rain Coat as that made from men's worsted



The size-number indicates bust measure. Size No. 34 is 54-in. long; No. 36, 56-in. long; No. 38, 58-in. long; No. 40, 60-in, long; No. 42, 62 in. long. Given for thirteen Certificates; or free with \$26.00 worth of Larkin Products.

Any combination of Premiums may be obtained for the same price as a single Premium offered for an equal number of Certificates.

Two one-half-certificate Premiums are the equivalent of a one-certificate Premium; five one-certificate Premiums, of a five-certificate Premium; etc.



THE LARKIN BOYS'SYMPOSIUM

CONDUCTED BY BORAXINE

met an old friend a few weeks ago, whom I hadn't seen

for a number of years. We used to have good times together, tramping through the woods, fishing, watching the birds and bees and all the interesting little creatures of the dear old summer time. He has never lost his love for the outdoor world, and soon we fell to talking about camping. He had taken a fine trip last year, and when I told him about you fellows he wanted to write the story of his good time for you. Of course I couldn't refuse, and here it is:—

The Camp of Polish and Ginger.

In connection with every vacation there are three stages—anticipation, realization and reminiscence. I am

now in the third stage and rapidly approaching the time when I shall count the days till my camp outfit will be packed, ready to be toted off to our favorite camping grounds.

Polish and I talked over our trip for weeks

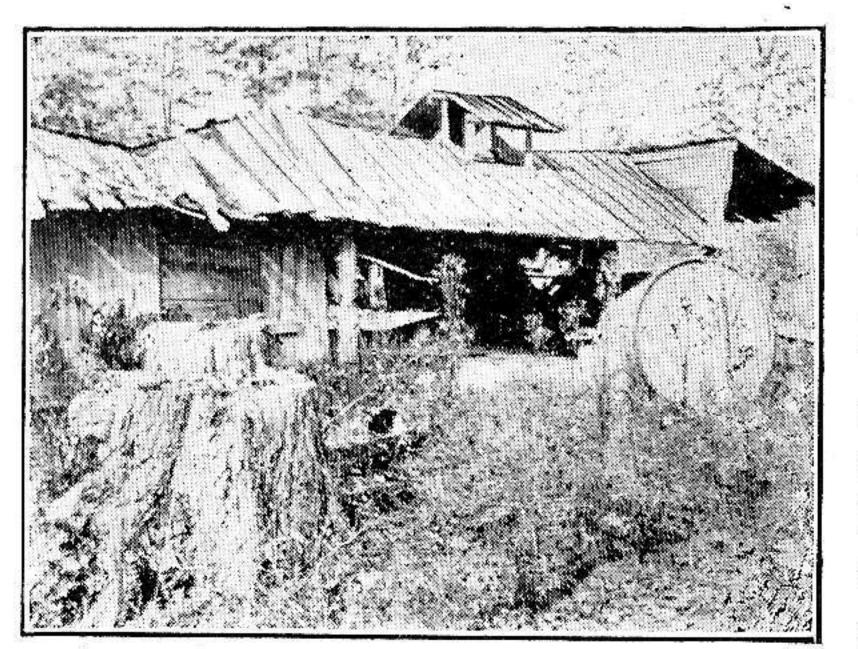
ahead and made out a list of what we thought we should need, adding to it from time to time as things occurred to us. We now have learned that about half of our duffle was unnecessary, and let me advise you, boys, when you go in the woods not to take as much as you can, but as little as possible. After a few experiences, you will be surprised to see how little you can get along with.

The second week in October having been decided upon for our

vacation, on Monday morning we started for the station, loaded down with luggage, although we had sent part by express the day before. When we arrived at our destination, in the afternoon, the wagon was waiting for us; our Syracuse Hammerless Shotguns, Stevens Rifles, Pocket Axes, Tent, etc., were carefully stowed away and we started across country, a drive of about twelve miles.

I believe that was the longest twelve miles I ever traveled for soon after we started it commenced to rain, not one of these gentle spring showers, but a regular soaker. Once

in a while it would stop to get a better start and down it would come harder than before, and just at night-fall we arrived at the forks in a torrent of rain. A good hot supper and dry clothes soon restored us to warmth and com-



AN OUTSIDE VIEW OF THE SUGAR-SHANTY.

fort and we were impatient for the morrow. At daylight we were up, put our guns together, called the hound and started for the bottom lands, a short distance away. Before breakfast, we each had a rabbit in the back of our hunting coats.

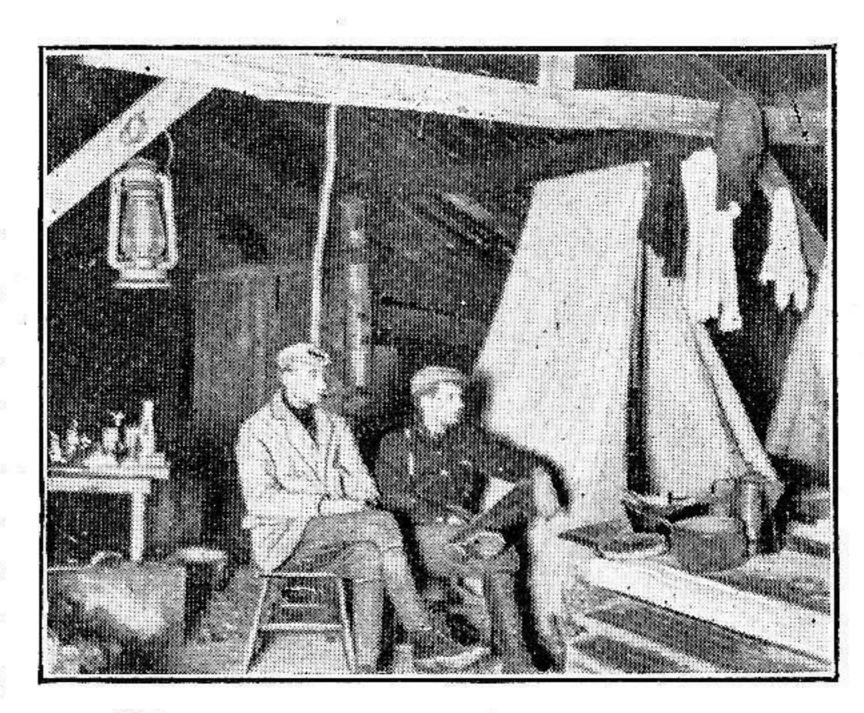
After breakfast we packed our outfit up the ravine to a trail and then back into the woods to an old sugar-shanty, which we had

previously located, and under this shed we pitched our tent.

This place was admirably suited for a camp as it was in a clearing and a clear, cold spring trickled nearby; best of all, there was an old fireplace built in the center of the shanty, which made a capital stove. With our pocket axes we soon had some tent stakes made, the tent up, a fire started and were ready for business. Next, we cut hemlock browse for the beds, then arranged our duffle, hanging the pans and provisions up out of reach of any

in sects and prowling chipmunk. Everything in shape, it was time to get dinner—and such appetites! I wondered whether our provisions would hold out, but with a rabbit or partridge added to the larder occasionally we had no trouble.

In the afternoon



"THIS PLACE WAS ADMIRABLY SUITED FOR A CAMP."

some of the boys came up from the forks to go for a hunt, and we divided into two parties to cover the ground better. The trees were very thick and although we heard the whir of many partridges, it was almost impossible to see them, and the rabbits had evidently been informed of our approach. We returned to camp tired and hungry

After a good hot supper of bacon and eggs, brown bread and coffee, we enjoyed the evening as only those who get in close touch with Nature can. The only sound which broke the stillness was the rustling of the leaves and the occasional hoot of an owl. When it was time to turn in we piled a few green logs on the

fire, left the front of the tent open so the heat would penetrate to the farthest end, rolled up in the blankets and slept till nearly daylight, when one arose to put more wood on the fire and get the breakfast ready. By seven o'clock all the kettles and dishes were washed and we were ready to start for a short hunt.

Old Sport, after a good night's rest, was as spry as ever and we headed for the bottom lands where we knew Mr. Cottontail dwelt. It was not long before the welcome sound from the dog told us that the

scent was warm and occasionally we caught a glimpse of some-. thing brown moving through the under-growth but before we could shoot it would Findisappear. ally, after a half hour's work, the hound got too close to bunny for comfort and

out shot a streak of brownish gray followed by old Sport letting out a most unearthly chorus of yelps. Of course it was just my luck to be on the wrong side of the marsh and it was up to Polish, whose gun spoke twice, and it was all over but the shouting.

After working that marsh we crossed the creek and tried the uplands with fair success until noon. when we sat down in an orchard and ate a cake of Larkin Sweet Chocolate and an apple or two. This diet we have tried for the last two years and found to be gota as it is nourishing. It does not make one thirsty, and is easily carried in a side pocket.

After lunch we circled toward the east, going through one piece of

woods where once stood the log cabin of one of the early settlers, who many times had driven the wolves away by throwing a firebrand from an upper window. We could find no trace of the cabin now and the wolves had gone forever.

About dark we reached camp and how good it looked to us and oh! how good the fried rabbit with strips of pork and potatoes and apple sauce did taste.

When supper was over and we had rested thoroughly, the camera was

brought out and a flashlight picture was taken.

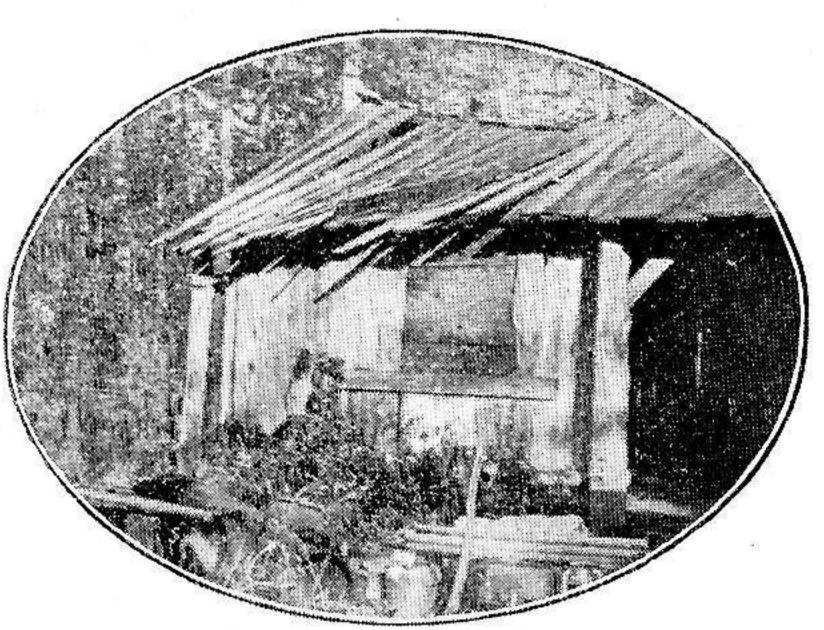
The days went by so quickly and the evenings by the camp-fire were so short that at last one bright frosty morning, the best day we had seen, we had to pack up and leave our sylvan retreat for the rush and noise of the city for another twelvemonth.

The Fourth of July is not far away, and the more noise you boys make

then the better I like it; so does every fellow who is loyal and patriotic.

I used to hear lads say, "I like the noise, too, but it takes 'chink,' and how's that to be raised?"

To make a rattling uproar and have the glorious



"WE HAD TO PACK UP AND LEAVE."

good time every boy should have on the Fourth, takes quite a lot of "chink," but if you'll read this little poem you'll see how easy it is to raise it:

Every Boy May Have a Glorious Fourth.

BY CLARA E. COOPER.

In the small town of Somewhere lived five little boys, Who liked to have fun and make plenty of noise; But now they were all feeling ready to cry, For they had little money for Fourth of July.

"If we'd each got a dollar," sighed Benny, "somehow, Why, then, we might make a respectable row."

"Hurrah!" shouted Tom, "you bet I know a way We can each make a dollar in less than a day.

"You all know about Larkin's plan, I should hope; Let's sell twenty dollars' worth of Larkin Soap,— We can do it, I know, for their goods are the best— Then we send them ten dollars, and ours is the rest.

"Fact is, they've dozens of things on the list To meet daily needs—not just Soaps. We persist; Each get orders that count up to four dollars, see! Get a hustle on, fellows, and meet after tea."

Their plan, it is needless to say, met success, And five happier boys none could find, is my guess; Now boys, all who read this, why do not you try To earn "money to burn" on the Fourth of July?

Olive Oil Benefits Children.

Every home should have a supply of Larkin Olive Oil, as it is an invaluable medicine for sickly children.

It will work wonders for a child who is recovering from typhoid fever. The entire body should be rubbed with the oil, a small quantity at a time being poured into the palm of the hand. In this way the system absorbs nourishment through the skin, and the young patient gains additional strength rapidly.

In case of a hard cold, it is best to omit the daily bath, rubbing the back and chest with Larkin Olive Oil instead. To prevent taking more cold, the child should be wrapped in a blanket and carefully protected from draughts while being rubbed. By saturating a piece of flannel with olive oil, (termed "sweet oil" by many persons,) sprinkling it with a little powdered camphor and applying it to the chest and throat as warm as can be borne, a croupy tendency often ends in a mere threatening. The application should be covered with a piece of flannel and changed as soon as it becomes cold.

People Like the Larkin Temporary Showroom.

The attendants in the Larkin Temporary Showroom often have most delightful little chats with visitors. When we hear of their enthusiastic praise it makes us feel pleased all over. Here's the way our friends talk to us:

"I am in four Larkin Clubs-of-Ten; it is a pleasure to work for you, and every member is delighted with the Premiums and Products they receive."

"I have been a customer of yours for ten years and will be as long as I live."

"Your new Products are simply

elegant. No more grocery prices for us." And so it goes.

At Syracuse we had a bright little chap employed to keep count of the number of visitors who came into the Showroom. After he had worked for a couple of hours, he called the manager and without taking his pencil from the paper cried, "Gee! Don't let 'em in so fast; my fingers are getting tired marking 'em up."

Well, he was kept pretty busy, we'll admit.

The illustrated lecture on "Niagara" Falls, Buffalo and the Larkin Factories," is well attended and thoroughly enjoyed at every exhibition. People tell us that until hearing it, they had a very inadequate conception of the size of our factories.

Displays have been arranged in the following New York towns:

June 5 to 10, Canandaigua, 211 Main Street.

June 12 to 17, Geneva, 431 and 467 Exchange Street. June 19 to July 1, Auburn, Music Hall, 133, 135 Genesee St. July 3 to 8, Oswego. July 10 to 15, Rome.

Other dates will be announced later.

The Potter's Art.

The new booklet on Larkin crockery, The Potter's Art, will prove of special interest to Club-of-Ten organizers and members. Upon request, we will mail to any Club secretary a copy of the booklet for each of her members. A postal card, mentioning the number of copies desired, will receive prompt attention.

The booklet tells about the making of pottery and is handsomely illustrated. In addition, it contains matter of special interest to all Larkin customers. It will help make your Club meetings interesting.

Send at once.

THE LARKIN CLUB-OF-TEN. WHAT A DOLLAR A MONTH WILL DO. THE HIGHEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE LARKIN IDEA.

ROSES, graduates, brides: this trio the month of June always brings, and all the world gives homage.

Roses, the fruition of the gardener's thoughtful, painstaking care; graduates, the result of patient application on the part of both student and the teacher; brides, with completed maidenhood behind them, ready to assume the new cares and duties of broadened lives.

Some graduate or bride is the center of attention in many a Club-of-After freeing the chops from any adhering bits of fat or bone, dip in

thoughtful thing to express appreciation of a member's interest than to give a luncheon or some form of simple entertainment to

honor the f r i e n d thus entering a new field of activity. The

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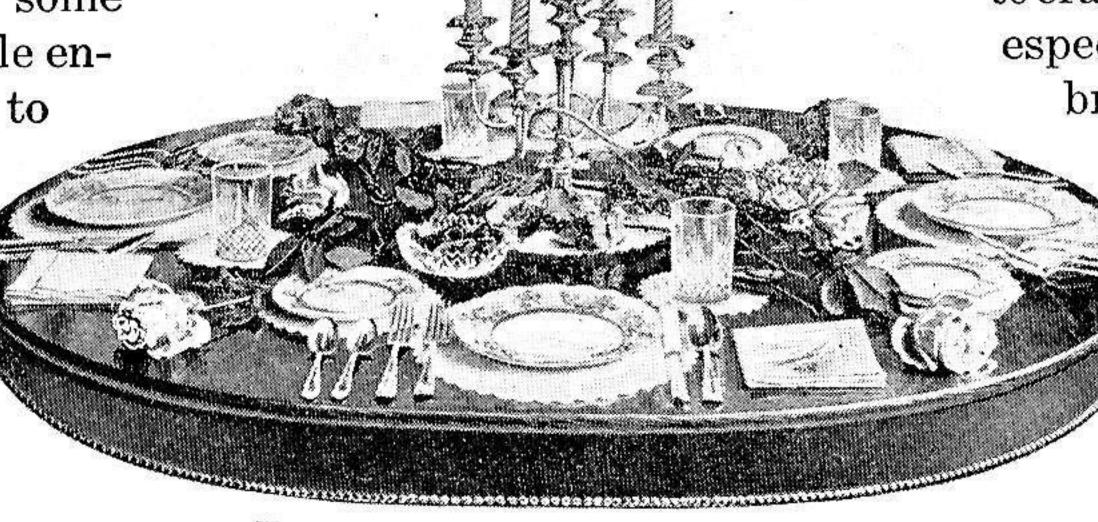


TABLE SET IN HONOR OF A BRIDE.

shows a table set in honor of a bride.

The table itself is made familiar to you through the Larkin Premium List, and it holds no article that cannot be secured as a Larkin Premium save the roses, and with those Nature supplies us most generously at this time of year. A menu that can be well served at this luncheon is:

Strawberries in the hulls
Chicken Soup Croutons
Breaded Lamb Chops, Tomato Sauce
Creamed Potatoes

Fruit Salad with Mayonnaise Frozen Custard Larkin Coffee

This luncheon can be easily prepared. In the first course of berries,

serve the berries on a dessert plate without removing the hulls, arranging them about a mound of powdered sugar. This mound may be made by packing the small end of a dry eggshell with the sugar and turning it out upon the center of the plate.

To bread the chops: have your butcher cut the chops about an inch in thickness. Beat one egg, which will be a sufficient quantity to cover the required number of chops. After freeing the chops from any adhering bits of fat or bone, dip in

the egg and then in finely rolled bread-crumbs. Bread-crumbs are preferable to cracker-crumbs, especially if the

especially if the bread is made

from
whole
wheat,
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should be
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slowly in

the oven be-

fore rolling. When breaded, put the chops carefully into a frying-pan in which the fat is sufficiently hot to give off a blue smoke. Brown quickly on one side, then on the other, cover and put the frying-pan on the back part of the stove where the chops may cook through slowly.

Serve with tomato sauce made by blending two tablespoons of butter, melted, with two tablespoons of Larkin Corn Starch. When thoroughly blended, pour in, gradually, a pint of hot, strained tomato. Season with salt and pepper, and pour over the chops just before sending to the table.

The fruit salad may be a combination of bananas, oranges, and

pineapple, to which a few almonds and candied cherries can be added, if procurable. For the mayonnaise, use the yolks of two eggs, a quarter teaspoon of paprika, a half-teaspoon of salt, a bottle of Larkin Olive Oil, and a few drops of lemon juice or vinegar. Add to this a cup of whipped cream.

The Frozen Custard is made with Larkin Corn Starch by the recipe given in The Larkin Idea for May.

It has become a pleasant custom to give a bride, who is the guest of honor at any entertainment, a "shower," the term used when each guest brings some household article as a gift. How appropriate and acceptable a Larkin shower would be! Make up an order for an assortment of Larkin Products, choosing as a Premium the article which you think your guest will most appreciate in her new home, and give them to her. How she will revel in a box of products with which to start her housekeeping, and how she will enjoy the results of such thoughtfulness on the part of her friends!

Guests Enjoyed Club Too.

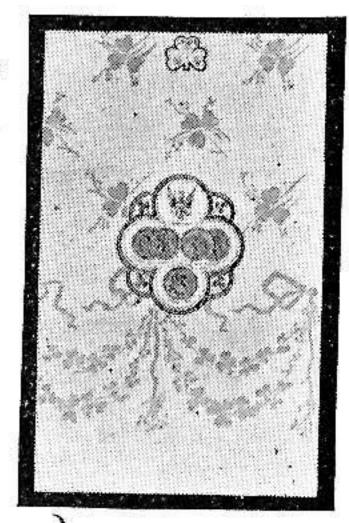
At her home five miles south of the city, Miss Myrtle Sizemore entertained the Larkin Club-of-Ten of which she is Secretary, Saturday afternoon, April 29th. Refreshments were served and all the members and invited guests had a most enjoyable time.

-Columbus (Kans.) Modern Light.

Damask Table Linen.

Club-of-Ten Secretaries will prize our Damask Table Linen Set No. 5, when entertaining Club-of-Ten members. The tablecloth is 72x90 inches; there are also a dozen napkins 22 inches square. The material is pure Irish Linen Satin Damask from the looms of John S. Brown & Sons,

Belfast, Ireland, whose goods have been for more than one hundred years notable for purity and beauty in design and finish. They were awarded the Gold Medal at St. Louis.



For other exceptional offers along this line, see the Larkin Premium List.

Naomi Snelbaker's Namesake.

Mrs. Maude Eastman, Homestead, Mich., writes: "I found a name for my baby girl in The Larkin Idea. I called her 'Naomi' for Naomi Snelbaker, of Woodstown, N. J. Miss Snelbaker sent her a dear little pair of shoes and her photograph. Little Naomi has never been bathed with any but Modjeska Toilet Soap, and Modjeska Cold Cream and Larkin Chemically Pure Glycerine are the only remedies she has ever had. My friends call her a Larkin baby.

"You have the interest of your customers at heart. The recent additions to your list of Products are a great benefit to housekeepers. I wish to suggest as a Club-of-Ten refreshment, a molasses layer cake with a filling made of whipped cream flavored with Larkin Vanilla."

We Help You to Organize Clubs-of-Ten.

We supply booklets and literature that will help you to get members. It is easy to conduct a dozen Clubs. The more Clubs you have, the greater the reward. We shall announce the addition to our list of more Larkin Products in the July number. It will be still easier to organize and operate Clubs-of-Ten.

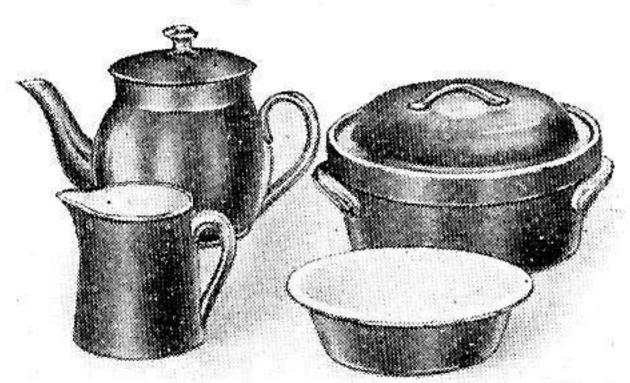


FOR practical, hygienic cooking purposes nothing surpasses Guernsey Cooking Crockery. It will



No. 1 Set.

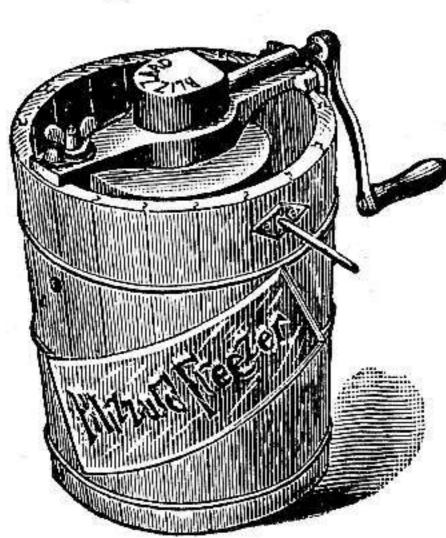
stand the heat of the oven without crazing or cracking. The exterior is a rich deep reddish brown; the



No. 11 Set.

interior is spotless white glaze. Either of these Sets may be obtained for one Certificate.

A good ice-cream freezer not only



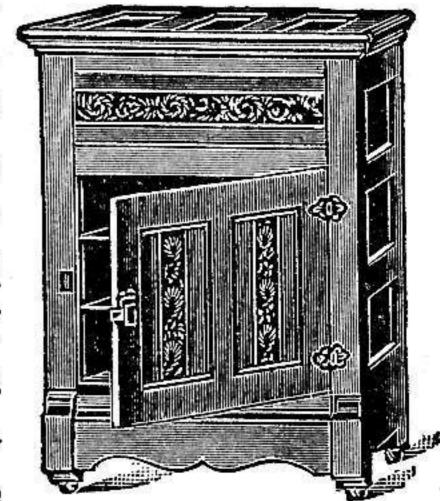
affords satisfaction during the warm weather, but is also the means of refreshing and nourishing the sick at any time. The Blizzard Ice-

Cream Freezer, which we give for two Certificates, has a capacity of four quarts. It is easy running, quick freezing, economical, convenient. White cedar pail, the best wood known for resisting action of water; electric welded wire hoops, guaranteed not to break or fall off. Bottom made of drawn steel; will not leak or break out. Automatic twin scrapers held positively against side of can. Inside of can and cover heavily tinned; all other metal parts galvanized. Gears completely covered.

Among the most important Larkin Pure Food Products are Flavoring Extracts of Vanilla, Lemon, Rose, Orange, Celery and Almond, at 25c. per 2-oz. bottle; Baking Powder, per ½-lb. can, 20c.; Larkin 35c. Blend Coffee, ground or unground, per 1-lb. can, 35c.; per 3-lb. can, \$1.00; Larkin Ceylon, English Breakfast, Formosa Oolong, Green Japan Tea or Mixed Tea, per 1-lb. can, 60c.

Proper care of the refrigerator is an important point in the sanitary home. This receptacle ought to be cleaned thoroughly twice a

week, and wiped out every day. The waste-pipe leading from the ice chamber may become clogged with particles of food, and unless they are carefully removed, the



dripping of the melted ice is sure to form a slimy coat on which the germs of fermentation thrive. A strong

solution of Larkin Pure Potash or Lye should be poured down this pipe at least twice a week. If you want a high-grade refrigerator, you can easily obtain one. The Larkin Premium List offers a choice of several.

Nut Cake.

Cream two tablespoons of butter with one cup of sugar, and add the yolks of three eggs. To this add one cup of milk, two cups of flour sifted with two teaspoons of Larkin Baking Powder. Add one half-teaspoon of Lemon Flavoring Extract, one fourth-teaspoon of salt, one cup of English Walnuts, cut fine; finally, the beaten white of one egg, reserving the other two whites for the icing.

Bake in a slow oven.

Plain Sponge Cake.

For a sponge cake very easily made and especially nutritious for children, beat the yolks and whites of four eggs separately, adding to the yolks one cup of sugar, one cup of flour, one teaspoon of Larkin Baking Powder and one half-teaspoon of Larkin Orange Flavoring Extract. Beat briskly for several minutes, and pour into an ungreased pan. Bake in a moderate oven.

Solid Chocolate Cake.

Blend two cups of brown sugar with one half-cup of butter, add yolks of three eggs and one half-cup of sour milk. Melt four squares of Larkin Unsweetened Chocolate in one half-cup boiling water, and cool. Add to the other ingredients. Then stir in two cups of flour with one teaspoon of Larkin Baking Powder, and one teaspoon Larkin Soda, the white of one egg beaten stiff and one halfteaspoon of Larkin Vanilla Flavoring Extract. Bake in a dripper, and cover with an icing made by boiling one cup and a half of sugar with one quarter of a cup water until it will string. Then beat it into the wellbeaten whites of two eggs and add one fourth-teaspoon of Larkin Vanilla Flavoring Extract.

How Debby Helped.

BY MARIETTA MUNRO SIMMONS.

Wee Deborah's eyes were dark with joy, As softly she leaned o'er brother, For she had thought of the "bestest" plan, While tending baby for mother. She'd gazed on the dimpled, sleeping boy, Her darling, so precious and fair, And mused, as she patiently pushed his cab, "Why didn't Dod dive him some hair?" Now Debby had heard Mamma declare That Larkin's own products are best; She made up her mind, right then and there, That they should be put to the test. On tiptoe she crept to a table near, Where Larkin Hair Tonic appeared; Then with it she flew back to Baby George, Whose head she most lib'rally smeared. She wept when Mamma, seeing what she had done, Declared her a mischievous girl, And vows to this day that her brother dear

Should thank her for each golden curl.



1. Charade.

While sailing swift o'er sunny seas, My third sits smiling on the deck. His work well done, he takes his ease; Of dirt, he sees not e'en a speck.

The fourth has surely done its work;
Nothing is left to be desired.
Another first has aided third
Lest he should get to feeling tired.

Says first to third, "My good old friend,

I see upon your face some second.

Just take some whole, and clean it off;
I know for this, first-class 'tis reckoned."

Now here is where the fun comes in For now said third unto the first: "Look at your face, also your hands; I really think you look the worst."

2. Numerical Enigma.

We had some fun this evening when We organized our "Club-of-Ten."

When 1 to 5 read off the list 2, 3, 4 said, "I have been missed; You have put down 4, 3 and 2. That kind of thing will never do. You have eleven in this club And that will raise a big hubbub." 4, 3, 2, 1, arose and said, "I'm feeling very much afraid That there are twelve instead of ten; You better read that list again." The thing had got so badly mixed They thought they could not get it fixed.

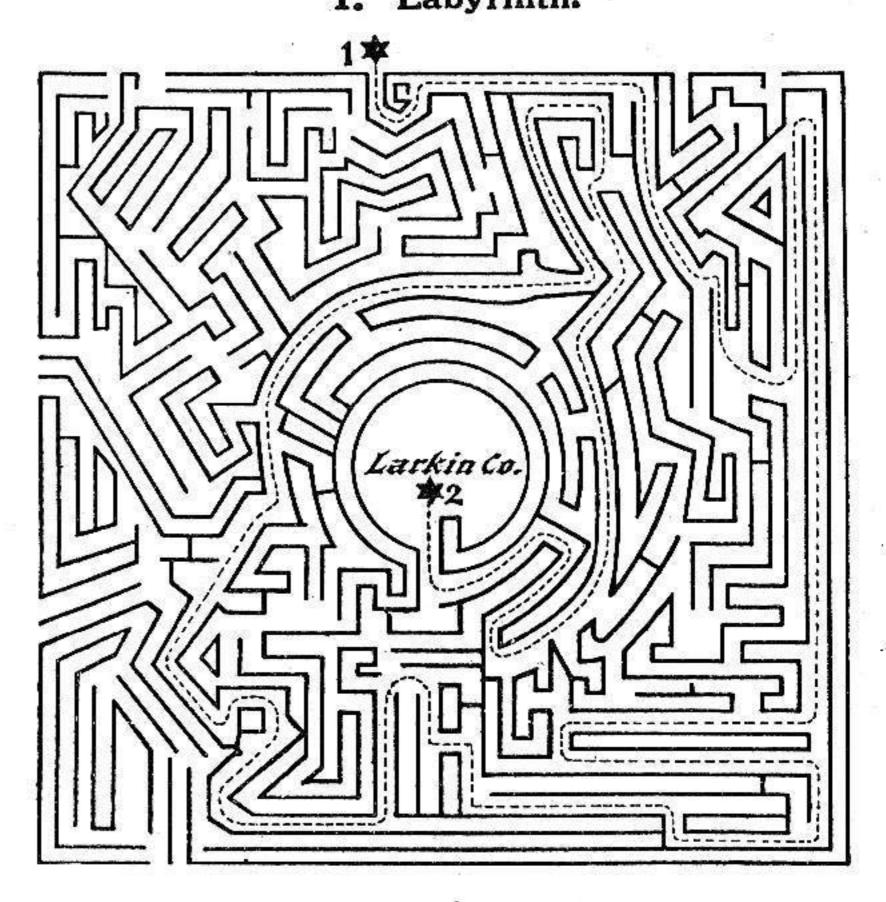
2, 3, 4, 5 arose to say,
"This is a most unlucky day;
For now thirteen I plainly see,
Since I was in this club to be."

Then 5 to 1 was 5, 2, 3—
And said, "Oh dear, how can this be!"
But soon they found the trouble past;
They saw there were but ten at last.

To every boy or girl sending us the correct solution of Nos. 1 and 2 before July 15th, we will mail free of charge, one jar of Larkin Cold Cream. Address Editor The Larkin Idea.

The solutions will be published in The Larkin Idea for August. Solutions will not be acknowledged by letter; corrections or other alterations will not be permitted after solutions have been submitted.

Solutions to April Puzzles. 1. Labyrinth.



2. Anagram. Limoges China Dinner Set.

In The Larkin Idea for July more new Larkin Products will be announced. They are the kind needed in every home. Watch for the announcement.



THE keynote of woodcraft is "Go light." Don't take a lot of things along with you; they will only be in the way, especially if you have to carry your duffle any great distance. A long while before the time set for departure, make up a list of the articles you think you will actually need, and then try to cut this list down until you have eliminated everything but the bare necessities. Of course, if you expect to camp near home or at a place that can be easily reached by wagon, you can take a larger outfit, such as rubber boots, mackintosh, oil stove, mattress, extra clothing and an assortment of pots and pans; but to really enjoy camping out, leave all the frills at home and do not burden yourself with a lot of stuff.

Then wear woolen underclothing, light or medium, according to the season. It is better, in cold weather, to wear two suits of light weight than one heavy weight, as the air space between the two keeps out the cold. One extra change is sufficient unless you expect to camp for some time, and even then it is easy to wash them.

Be sure you take sufficient bedding (at least two good blankets), for after a hard day's work you will feel the need of a warm, comfortable bed. Make a bag of bed-ticking $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{4}$ ft. This bag may be used to pack your duffle in and when you

arrive at camp, unpack, fill it with dried leaves or grass and you will find it to be a very comfortable bed. A small pillow-bag should be made in the same way.

Your cooking outfit should consist of a frying-pan, a tin cup of generous size, a tin pail with cover, (one that has no soldered joints,) and possibly a pan or kettle for boiling spuds. A good sheath-knife with a blade four or five inches long and a good hatchet are necessary. The Safety Ax we offer for one Certificate is the best hatchet for camp use that you can find. It is tempered just right and has the proper balance, which is important, and can be easily carried at the belt.

I will tell you more in a later issue. And now, about the prizes that I mentioned last month: for the best, second best, and third best account of a camping trip, I will give as First Prize a Stevens Favorite Rifle; as Second Prize, Bait Rod No. 12; as Third Prize, a pair of Hockey Skates.

Here are the rules:-

1. The contest is open to all boys 18 years old and under; 2. Accounts must not contain less than 500 words or more than 700 words; 3. Accounts must be sent to Editor The Larkin Idea on or before October 1,1905; 4. The experiences related must be genuine; 5. Write on one side of paper only.

In awarding the prizes, the experiences related, composition and neatness will be taken into consideration. The awards and prize-winning accounts will be published in The LARKIN IDEA.

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Our most popular toilet soap. Perfume delicate and lasting. Per box ¼ doz. cakes, 25c.

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A cooling, soothing lotion, readily absorbed and free from greasiness. Softens and clears the skin. Excellent for sunburn. Very grateful after shaving. Delicately perfumed.

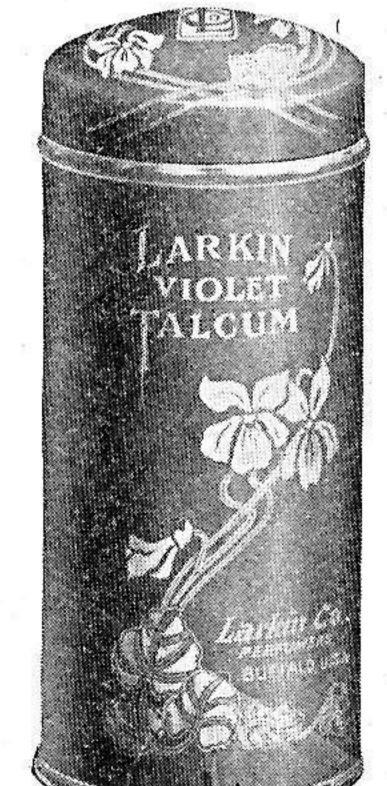
Per 3-oz. bottle, 25c.

Larkin Violet Toilet Water

A dainty, toilet accessory, embodying the delicate, sweet odor of violets. For dressing-table or bath. Restful and invigorating. A fragrant luxury, possible to everybody.

Per 4-oz. sprinkler-top bottle, 50c.





Larkin Violet Talcum

A velvety, antiseptic absorbent, compounded only of purified Talcum and Boracic Acid,—infused
with a violet scent.
Relieves Prickly Heat,
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skin discomforts incidental to warm
weather. No better
talcum at any price.

Per 3-oz. box, with sprinkler-cap, 15c.

Larkin Cold Cream

A rich, creamy, wholesome unguent with valuable healing properties. Soothes

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Per 2-oz. jar, 25c.

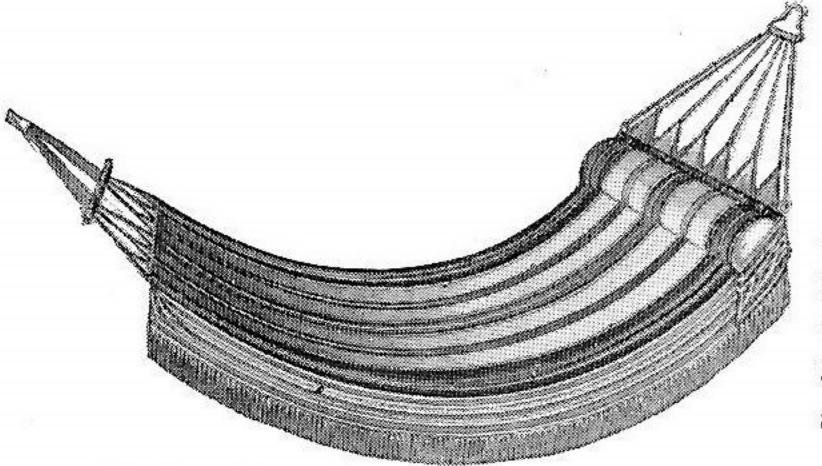
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Hammocks

No. 1. Given for one Certificate.

Made of highest grade of Cotton canvas weave. Guaranteed strong and perfect. Complete with pillow and beechwood spreader as illustrated. Size of bed, 36 x 76 in., with valance of 12 in. In handsome bright colors.

No. 3. Given for three Certificates.

A patent open-mesh Hammock made of white seine twine, the strongest twine made, yet so light that its strength can hardly be realized. Conforms easily to every curve of the body.

Two selected hickory spreaders. Scalloped valance with red tassels and wood rings.



Hammock Swing No. 11

Given for one Certificate.

Hardwood frame, brilliantly painted in red, hung with 5/16-in. cotton rope; cover, striped red-whiteand-blue ticking, which can be easily removed for laundering. The low, bent arms are supported by

secret wire truss rods, which give the Swing a springy motion. Will hold 300 lbs. Weight, 5 lbs.

Palmetto Lawn Tent

Free with \$10.00 worth of Larkin Soaps and Products.

A handsome, roomy Tent, 8 ft. high; ground measurement, 8 x 8 ft. Made of 8-oz. fancy striped Awning-cloth; scalloped valance around the top; 8 stakes and jointed center-pole with painted-ball top. Complete, ready to

set up.



Lawn Swings

Two-passenger Swing. Given for three Certificates. Four-passenger Swing. Given for four Certificates.

Work automatically; easily operated by a very small child. Can be put up anywhere on the lawn. Well made, strong and durable; every point of strain is well considered. Hardwood throughout. The frame is heavily painted bright red; the seat and hangers are natural color, varnished.

Height when open, 7½ ft.; width at base, 4 x 7½ ft. Weight, about 100 lbs.

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Swell-Front Buffet No. 716



Given for sixteen Certificates; or with \$10.00 worth of Larkin Soaps and Products, for \$21.00; or free with \$32.00 worth.

Height, 57 in.; width, 42 in.; depth, 22 in.; very strong; well made of selected Quarter-sawed Oak, with Golden Oak polish finish.

Full swell front; two small drawers, 41/4 x 151/2 x 16 in. (one lined for silver), one

large drawer, $7 \times 15\frac{1}{2} \times 36$ in., and two cupboards, $9\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Drawers fitted with locks; cupboards, with spring catches. Solid cast-brass trimmings. Gracefully shaped French legs with new style spoon foot. Castered. Fine French beveled-plate Mirror, 12 x 38 in. Carved ornament on top may be detached if desired.

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